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Dons miss out on signing star player

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'Bond' on hand for hotel launch

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Take off for kids' air ambulance

THE country's first air ambulance designed to carry critically ill children was launched in Milton Keynes yesterday.

Staff and volunteers for The Children's Air Ambulance have been raising money for the helicopter and equipment since 2011, and next month it will be kitted out before taking to the skies.

It was launched in the city yesterday at Abbey Hill Golf Club in Two Mile Ash to say thank you to supporters from Milton Keynes, including the Chamber of Commerce.

Last year there were around 5,800 children transported UK-wide, mainly by road. The helicopter will cut journey times for kids with conditions such as meningitis and severe burns.

Whistleblower was unfairly dismissed

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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A WHISTLEBLOWER who raised concerns about the safety of the city's bridges has won an employment tribunal after going through a 'sham' redundancy process.

George Harlock approached Milton Keynes Council, councillors, the mayor and his MP after his concerns were ignored by his former employer Mouchel.

Mr Harlock was employed by Mouchel as an inspector when the company was contracted by the council to look after the city's many bridges.

During his employment he sent a presentation to managers on seven occasions in which he criticised 'deficiencies' in the bridge management system. This included pointing out that inspections of bridges over water needed two people, but he had been doing them himself.

This system, he said, was 'unacceptably and dangerously poor'.

These concerns were not responded to by Mouchel, causing him stress and anxiety, so he escalated them to the council itself.

When the company was asked to cut costs at the beginning of 2011, it then used a redundancy process to dismiss Mr Harlock.

But in a judgement released on Friday following tribunal hearings in Bedford, Employment Judge Val Adamson ruled the process was 'in reality a sham', and Mouchel dismissed Mr Harlock because of the disclosures he made to the council.

Mr Harlock said: "I've definitely won this battle. I'm very glad the judge and panel have preferred my evidence and version of events."

A hearing will now take place to decide any compensation and other 'remedy' matters, on a date to be confirmed.

Mouchel declined to comment.

MPs are split over same sex marriage

THE city's two MPs were yesterday expected to be split in a controversial vote on whether same sex couples should be allowed to marry.

As MK NEWS went to press the Conservative duo were expected to vote differently when the Marriage (Same Sex Couples) Bill went before the House of Commons last night.

To find out how they voted see www.mk-news.co.uk.

While Iain Stewart, MP for Milton Keynes South, had indicated he would vote in favour of gay couples being allowed to marry, his counterpart Mark Lancaster had suggested he would vote against or abstain.

Mr Lancaster said: "There are elements of the Bill that I strongly support such as strengthening civil partnerships, but I am uncomfortable that different faith groups are not being treated equally and that in the Government's effort to deliver equality, it may inadvertently be removing people's rights for religious freedom.

"Until these freedoms can be guaranteed, I am not comfortable supporting the Bill."

Mr Stewart said: "I am supporting the Bill. In the eyes of the law, I think we should support people who want to take the responsible step to formalise their relationship, look after each other in good times and bad and enjoy the other benefits of marriage, irrespective of sexual orientation.

"There is a wide spectrum of views in the country on this matter. I think it's possible both to allow those who want to take this step to do so, while respecting the views of those who disagree. The critical point is no church or religious group should be forced to recognise gay marriage or be compelled to hold such ceremonies on their premises if it is against their beliefs."

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Jailed: Six men who received the longest terms and will between them spend more than 20 years in prison

28 drug criminals get a total of 63 years jail

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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A TOTAL of 28 people have been jailed for a combined 63 years for drug crime in Milton Keynes.

The convictions came as a result of Operation Sorrento, an investigation into the supply of class A drugs that targeted criminals supplying heroin and crack cocaine, as well as associated crimes of burglary and robbery.

That culminated in pre-dawn raids across the city in December, called Operation Rouse.

Detective Inspector Suzette Allcorn of Milton Keynes CID said: "I am pleased with the sentences given out this week.

"The operation was the result of months of investigative work and careful planning, involving a dedicated team of officers.

"After raids in December, 51 people were arrested and weapons, large quantities of drugs and money were recovered.

"Drugs cause untold misery, ruin lives and they fuel other crimes.

"Bringing to justice those who deal and use drugs is a priority for us and the conviction of these 28 people will significantly dent the activities and ambitions of those involved."

All 28 defendants were sentenced over three days on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at Aylesbury Crown Court.

The six with the longest sentences will serve a total of 20 years ten months in jail.

Swalah Jezan, 45, of Speedwell Place, Conniburrow, admitted one count of 'being concerned in the supply of class A drugs' (a heroin derivative called Monocetylmorphine), two counts of supplying class A drugs (heroin) and one count of possessing class B drugs (cannabis). He was sentenced to three years and eight months.

Luke Nesbitt, 21, of Goddards Court, Wolverton, admitted four counts of supplying class A drugs (heroin and cocaine) and was sentenced to three years in custody. He was also resentenced for possession of an explosive device and was given eight months in custody, to run consecutively.

Remi Akinyemi, 29, of Downs Barn Boulevard, admitted four counts of supplying class A drugs and one count of possession of class A drugs (all heroin) and was sentenced to a total of three years and six months.

Ferdinand Hewitt, 35, of Edmund Court, Shenley Church End, who admitted four counts of supplying class A drugs (cocaine), one count of being concerned in the supply of class A drugs (cocaine) and possession of class B drugs (cannabis), was sentenced to three years and four months.

Abdi Hakim Mohamed, 29, of Conniburrow Boulevard, who was charged with four counts of supplying class A drugs (heroin), was sentenced to three years and four months imprisonment.

Luke Smith, 20, of Franklins Croft, Wolverton, admitted four counts of supplying class A drugs (heroin and cocaine). He was sentenced to three years for supplying class A drugs and an additional eight weeks for breaching a suspended sentence, to run concurrently.

For a full list of those jailed as part of the operation, picture galleries and more on Operation Rouse, as well as a report on the early morning raids in December, go to www.mk-news.co.uk and search for 'rouse'.

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DMK new chief executive

A NEW chief executive has been appointed at the city's official tourism information provider, Destination Milton Keynes. Steven Gordon-Wilson joins the team in March from his previous role as head of marketing and promotions at Xscape. General manager Jackie Inskipp is retiring.

Hobbycraft fundraisers

RETAILER Hobbycraft has pledged to raise £1,500 for children's charity Keech Hospice this year. Customers can look out for fundraising activities throughout February half-term, and a Butterfly Craft Party on Saturday, March 30 including face painting and a craft sale.

Olympics Minister in MK

DAME Tessa Jowell will be speaking at Milton Keynes College next Tuesday about her Olympic and Paralympic journey. Dame Tessa is best known for her role as Minister for the Olympics, as she helped to bring the Games to London last year.

Anglian Water wants your help

THE city's water supplier is asking customers for their input into its business plan.

Anglian Water has launched a consultation to find out where people think it should prioritise its resources. This will directly affect how much people will be paying in their bills.

The consultation has been launched as next year regulator Ofwat will decide how much Anglian is allowed to raise from bills until the end of the decade.

Take part by visiting www.discoverdiscussdecide.co.uk.

Yesterday Anglia revealed that households faced an average four per cent increase in 2013 which is around £12-a-year.

Governor killed father in smash

BY JAMES AVERILL
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A SCHOOL governor walked from court with a community order after accidentally killing the father of one of his school's pupils.

Timothy Thomas, 69, a governor at Oakgrove School, pulled his people carrier out of the junction of a busy road in front of Jamie Lloyd, 41, who was travelling on his motorcycle.

Mr Lloyd's 14-year-old daughter is a pupil at the school, and prosecutors said that he stood 'no chance' of surviving the incident on April 14 last year.

Thomas was sentenced to a two year community order of 200 hours unpaid work and disqualified for two years at Aylesbury Crown Court on Monday, after admitting causing death by careless or inconsiderate driving at an earlier hearing.

Because Thomas' offence was due to a momentary lack of concentration, the judge's powers were limited to imposing a community service order.

Referring to Mr Lloyd's wife Lisa, prosecutor Duncan O'Donnell said: "I've spoken to the family and told them of the limited powers of sentencing under this act and I can simply echo Lisa's three words: It's not enough."

In mitigation, defence counsel Alex Stein QC said: "Obviously this was a tragic accident and Mr Thomas is extremely remorseful about it. He accepts he should not have pulled out. He has led an exemplary life. He knew Mr Lloyd by sight and their daughters went to the same school."

Mr Stein then read a statement from Thomas, which said: "I feel guilty on many different levels. Because of my actions, a man is dead. It haunts me all the time."

Out for a spin: Mark Webber tries out the RB9 yesterday in Jerez after its weekend launch in Tilbrook

First test for brand new RB9

THE new Red Bull car for this year's Formula 1 series has been put through its paces in Spain.

The RB9 was unveiled at the group's Tilbrook headquarters this weekend by team drivers Mark Webber, and triple world champion Sebastian Vettel.

And Webber couldn't wait to get started as he racked up the first pre-season laps yesterday in Jerez, Spain.

The RB9 has the job of helping the team retain both the constructors and driver titles.

Signs were encouraging as the RB9 posted the second quickest time behind Jenson Button's McLaren.

Team principal Christian Horner said: "The 2012 season was tough and long, but our success was testimony to all the hard work and dedication in the factory.

"We have continuity throughout, and there is a fierce determination to keep both those trophies in the cabinet for another year."

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Ring stolen in burglary

A WOMAN'S engagement ring was stolen in a burglary in Springfield last Tuesday, January 29. Offenders forced entry to the house in Belsize Avenue between 9am and 5.45pm and stole the ring as well as a 43-inch Samsung plasma TV, two digital cameras, designer shoes and other jewellery. Anyone with information should call DC Serina Bellis on 101.

Waste triggers alarm

THREE city fire crews were called out to a false alarm in Old Wolverton on Monday. The alarm was triggered by steam from a large quantity of waste at the Materials Recycling Facility on Colts Holm Road.

Seven freezing stowaways found

SEVEN stowaways headed for Milton Keynes were rescued out of a locked refrigerated lorry in Dunkerque.

UK Border Force officers working at the port in France discovered the group, four of whom were children. The group, four Afghans and three Iranians, were found at around 10am on Friday.

When they opened the lorry they found the group hiding amongst a load of soft cheese. Inside the trailer it was minus two degrees centigrade.

The four children, who were all aged between nine and 16, and one of the adults, were judged to be suffering from hypothermia and were taken to hospital.

Police council tax to rise £3

THE amount of council tax paid to Thames Valley Police will increase from April.

An increase of £3.08 per year for an average Band D household was approved on Friday.

New Police and Crime Commissioner Anthony Stansfeld has said this extra money will enable the force to recruit another nine officers, and redeploy 34 to the areas they are needed.

He said the extra money will also ensure the levels of funding for community safety initiatives can now be maintained.

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Gritting – what about paths and Redways?

SIR – Gerald Davies (MK LETTERS, January 30) is obviously a motorist judging by his comments on road gritting.

Those of us who cycle and walk have a different tale to tell.

The redway and other paths were largely left untouched and progressively got worse as the snow compacted to ice.

My street was also left untouched so that even motorists had difficulty getting in and out.

I appreciate that the council has difficulty allocating resources but it did once commit to clearing strategic redway routes.

In spite of popular belief there are still many who rely on bike and foot to get to work, school, college and the shops.

I do not know how many of them finished up in A&E but suspect there was an increase over normal times.

I understand that in Germany residents have to clear the snow from the pavement outside their homes. Sounds a good idea.

Philip Ashbourn
Downhead Park

There are two sides to the wind turbine story

SIR – I was disappointed to see that your entirely one-sided article promoting wind farms on www.mk-news.co.uk on January 24 was repeated in the print edition of MK NEWS on January 30.

I am not sure if you care what your readers think, but we are almost certainly united against this abomination, not only because global warming has not happened for the last 20 years, not only because the IPCC now accepts that CO2 does not cause warming, but mainly because wind turbines have proven a most effective way of forcibly taking money from poor people who want to stay warm and giving it to rich landowners and energy companies.

As Emma Lennon pointed out, the thought that this project would magically inject £51m into the pockets of MK residents is completely laughable.

The article has every appearance of a lobbying attempt, and I feel it should have been labelled as 'advertorial'.

Lawrence John
Sent by e-mail

Thanks for returning my driving licence

SIR– I would like to express my sincere thanks to the person who found and handed in my driving licence which I lost outside the post office in Netherfield.

I would just like to say that I really appreciate their honesty and kindness.

A Jackson
Netherfield

Have fun and take part in a charity event

SIR – The story in last week's paper (Channel crews in at the deep end, MK NEWS, January 30) reminded me of my own charity effort last year.

I signed up for the British Heart Foundation London to Brighton cycle ride and raised a few bob for a worthy cause. It was great fun. I'd encourage anyone do the same.

Frank Hargreaves
Sent by e-mail

Your views on gay marriage

You can find more comments on twitter @thisismknews

I don't see what's wrong with gay people getting married? Should have the same rights as the rest of us! We're all entitled to this.
@LeeBaines

If two gay people share a house, income & life are they not just as entitled to make it a legal standing as a straight couple?
@carriewhite84

Not religious person, but from what I've read, there is no direct statement in the Bible regarding homosexuality. So why not?
@DaDoRon_Ron

Why would you want to marry if you're gay. Surely religion's against how you chose to live so why participate in its ceremony?
@LaursenB

Separate the state and the church. Make civil marriage for all a requirement and then let the religions do whatever they want.
@DavidLewis1952

I am going to marry my girl friend! It's about the love between two people, it's our life not their's so why is it such an issue for them?
@Banksimoo

Equality shouldn't even be up for debate, it should be a given and enshrined in law for all time.
@wideawakewesley

My dictionary says marriage is "the legal union of a man and a woman in order to have children."
@JohnBStock

Normal people whose lives are judged by others who believe they're above everyone else. Same sex marriages should be allowed.
@ajt_fitness

Of course they should! Anyone that thinks otherwise is old fashioned or backwards!
@skylinegtrgsl

Of course they should! Why on earth shouldn't they?
@HungryHatter

Jon Brett's City Life

His column written exclusively for MK NEWS

Rock hell-raiser's village pub comeback gig

THE village of Stewkley was the unlikely setting last Saturday for a one off gig marking the triumphant return to the area of hell-raising showman, Fin Muir.

The Swan pub played host to the flamboyant Scotsman in an up close and personal show from the former glam rocker and front man of heavy metal band Waysted.

Fin is no stranger to the City Life column, and I featured an interview with him last year.

We talked about his 80s success touring the world supporting the likes of Ozzy Osbourne, Def Leppard and Iron Maiden, before making Milton Keynes his home in the 90s.

While in the city, he made a name for himself as the singer of Five Go

Jazz and the manager of the hugely popular Dukes Wine Bar.

Through collaboration with Stony Stratford's Big George Webley, he provided the vocal for the theme to The Office.

His gig in Stewkley showcased Fin's talents as a one man entertainer, featuring songs from Rod Stewart, Bruce Springsteen, The Rolling Stones as well as a smattering of Motown and blues together with some more contemporary tunes.

The energetic three-hour show had all the feeling of a stadium gig, but in yer front room! Everyone was up dancing and no-one was disappointed.

Afterwards, an exhausted Fin, who now lives in Cleethorpes, said: "I loved being back in MK, but Cleethorpes is my home now. Up there I'm the toast of the coast and my diary is packed!"

Pictured: Fin serenades me at The Swan, Stewkley.

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Pedal power: Darren Oldroyd, Trek's Chris Garrison and MK Dons head of partnerships James Parkinson

New cycle group saddles up

A NEW cycling club has been formed in the city in a bid to get more people out and about on two wheels.

The MK Dons Sport and Education Trust (SET) charity has teamed up with Trek Bicycle United Kingdom, which has a store on Elder Gate, to launch the pedal power initiative.

It is hoped that the club will lead to a growth in the cycling community in Milton Keynes. Rides for all ages and abilities, starting and finishing at stadiummk, are already in the pipeline.

"This is an exciting time at our charity to have Trek as our title partner," said Darren Oldroyd, of MK Dons SET.

"By using the power of the football brand we will help deliver and make a tangible impact in the Milton Keynes community and beyond."

The annual membership to join the club is £40. The price includes a cycle jersey, a donation to the SET plus other benefits.

For more information about the club visit www.mkdonsset.com.

No compensation for mobile issues

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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CUSTOMERS on the Vodafone mobile network in one part of the city are unlikely to be compensated after weeks of poor service.

Those with mobile phones served by the company in and around Stony Stratford have been experiencing a number of problems with their service over the last few weeks.

Text messages have not been getting through, and calls have either been dropping out or not connecting at all.

Richard Young, a Stony Stratford resident, said: "For the last two to three weeks I had no service, but when I was further away I could get signal.

"You could be on your phone for a couple of minutes and it would just cut out.

"You pay a lot of money for your phone bill, and for over two weeks I couldn't use my phone that much."

Another user Jeanette Blacker, who has her phone for business purposes, said there was no communication to say there was a problem, and if there had been a message she could have asked her customers to use her landline or email.

But Vodafone told MK NEWS it is unlikely any of those will be compensated for their problems.

Users of Vodafone would only receive cash back if 100 per cent of their services were affected for three days or more. In that case, customers would be refunded for a portion of the line rental for the period affected.

But as the problems in and around the town were 'intermittent', most customers would have had some access to services some of the time.

The issue, in one of the company's 'hubs', was fixed at the weekend after engineers replaced a piece of hardware.

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Runners wanted

A CITY charity is asking for runners to raise cash in the next Milton Keynes Marathon. Last year, Willen Hospice had 57 runners, ten per cent of the number of entrants, running for it, who managed to raise £20,000. Now it is asking for runners for the May 6 event. Call Elaine on 01908 306991 if you can help.

Charity changes name

AFTER 46 years a Bletchley-based charity has changed its name. The National Association for Children, the child and family support charity, is changing its name on Monday to Potential Plus UK. The charity, based on Sherwood Drive, supports 15,000 children with high learning potential every year.

City DVD counterfeiter is jailed

A MAN was jailed for ten months on Thursday after pleading guilty to counterfeiting vintage films, TV and radio programmes and comics.

Raymond Arthur Boxall, 65, of South Lawne, Bletchley, who made and sold counterfeit DVDs via eBay and through his own website, pleaded guilty to offences under the Trade Marks Act 1994 and the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988 at Amersham Crown Court.

Trading standards established Boxall had sold DVDs via eBay and iOffer, as well as selling more than 5,000 DVDs through his own website, receiving an income of more than £49,000.

Book shuts on 31-year career

A LIBRARY is bidding farewell to one of its long-standing members of staff – who is retiring after 31 years of service.

Woburn Sands librarian Rosemary Grout has decided to enjoy a well-earned retirement at the age of 70.

Rosemary has been at the library to welcome the first computers, installed in 1988, and it's 25 and 50-year anniversaries, before last year the library moved to a new premises in the High Street from the Friends' Meeting House in Hardwick Road.

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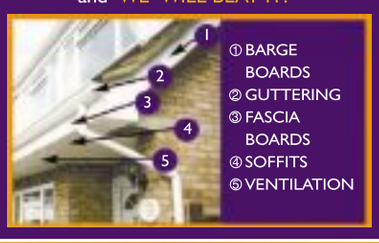

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Hunt for £8k art cheque goes on

Investigative journalist: MK NEWS reporter James Averill searched in vain for the £8,000 cheque at MKG

BY JAMES AVERILL
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HUNDREDS of visitors have flocked to Milton Keynes Gallery (MKG) in the hunt for a hidden £8,000 cheque – but like us they drew a blank.

The gallery was shocked last Wednesday after a local artist, Tomas Georgeson, claimed to have hidden a cheque somewhere in the building.

He indicated that should no-one find it by March 1, he will come and collect it himself.

"I have the greatest respect for MKG, for its director and for its world class exhibitions programme," he said. "I should point out that I have not hidden the cheque on or around any of the artwork, and the public should not disturb the artwork on display if they choose to look for the cheque.

"I hope that the personal risk I have taken in doing this can stand as something positive in a town eager to establish itself as a cultural destination. Milton Keynes began with a sense of bold, risk-taking creativity and long may that continue."

Since the news broke last week, the gallery has seen a surge of new interest, and estimates it has had a further 200 people visit on top of the usual figures.

Anthony Spira, the director of the gallery, says the extra attention has come out of the blue.

"This was totally unexpected," he said. "The staff have searched the entire gallery but haven't found it. Who knows if there is a cheque, but I am sure he doesn't want to give away £8,000!"

The gallery has said that people had been seen on their hands and knees checking skirting boards, but like us, they left empty-handed after scouring the building.

Katharine Sorensen, the communications officer for MKG, was pleased with the increase in numbers.

She said: "MK Gallery wishes to welcome as many people as possible. So if more people come to visit us to look for the cheque then that can only be good."

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Burglars steal clothes

CLOTHING, a mobile phone, a camera and cash were stolen in a burglary in Brent, Tinkers Bridge last Wednesday between 6-9.30pm. Anyone with information should call PC Jade Trower on 101.

The Hub donates

THE Hub has donated more than £500 to the MK Food Bank after a winter Facebook campaign. In December The Hub pledged to donate £1 for every new 'like' it received on its profile page on the social networking site and last month handed over the cheque.

HULA open day

AN ANIMAL shelter is holding an open day on Sunday for potential pet owners and to raise cash. HULA, based at Glebe Farm, Salford Road, Aspley Guise, will be open to the public between 1-3.30pm and will have a bazaar, book store, and fun and games.

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Although pensioners will not be affected, thousands of people who were previously paying nothing will now be contributing.

To help them pay, the council will be issuing the leaflets over the coming weeks.

Man is arrested after assault

A MAN has been arrested after an early morning incident on Sunday.

The 49-year-old was arrested on suspicion of GBH after the incident outside a pub in Stony Stratford.

Between 1am and 1.30am, a 49-year-old woman was assaulted outside The George Inn on High Street.

She was knocked to the ground and suffered a cut to her eyebrow, which required treatment at Milton Keynes Hospital.

Anyone who witnessed this incident should call PC Hazel Grant on 101.

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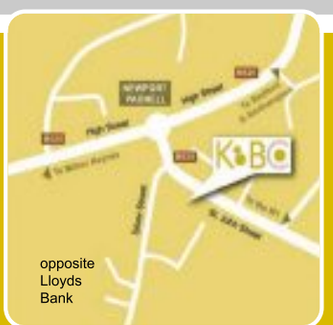

First 10 MK Rose pillars selected

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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THE dates and events to be commemorated on the first ten pillars of the ambitious MK Rose artwork project have been announced.

Major calendar dates such as St George's Day, St Patrick's Day and May Day, as well as less obvious events such as World Maths Day and International Joke Day are among the first to be honoured by the piece.

As previously reported by MK NEWS, the Rose, which will be constructed on the site of the circular pond in Campbell Park, will include 140 granite pillars which will each be inscribed with dates of local, national and international importance.

The first pillar was unveiled on November 11 2011, and will commemorate Armistice Day.

Consultations have been taking place with community groups and the general public and the next ten pillars have now been chosen.

They are January 11 1973, when The OU awarded its first degrees; January 23 1967, when MK was formally designated as a new town; Holocaust Memorial Day on January 27; World Maths Day on March 7; St Patrick's Day on March 17; St George's Day on April 23; May Day on May 1; Summer Solstice on June 21; International Joke Day on July 1; August 4 2012 for 'Golden Saturday' at London 2012; and Hiroshima/Nagasaki Day on August 6.

Impression: A computer-generated image of how the MK Rose will look

Fifty more pillars will be designated over the coming months, so there is still time to have your say. It is expected the project will be finished by October 31, with a further 47 pillars left blank for events in the future.

Gavin Anderson, of the Cenotaph Trust which commissioned the work, said: "We want the people of Milton Keynes to own this thing, and how it's used will be down to the various communities in Milton Keynes.

"For example we chose World Maths Day after consulting with schools, some of which will now go and study the geometry and mathematics of the piece on that date every year."

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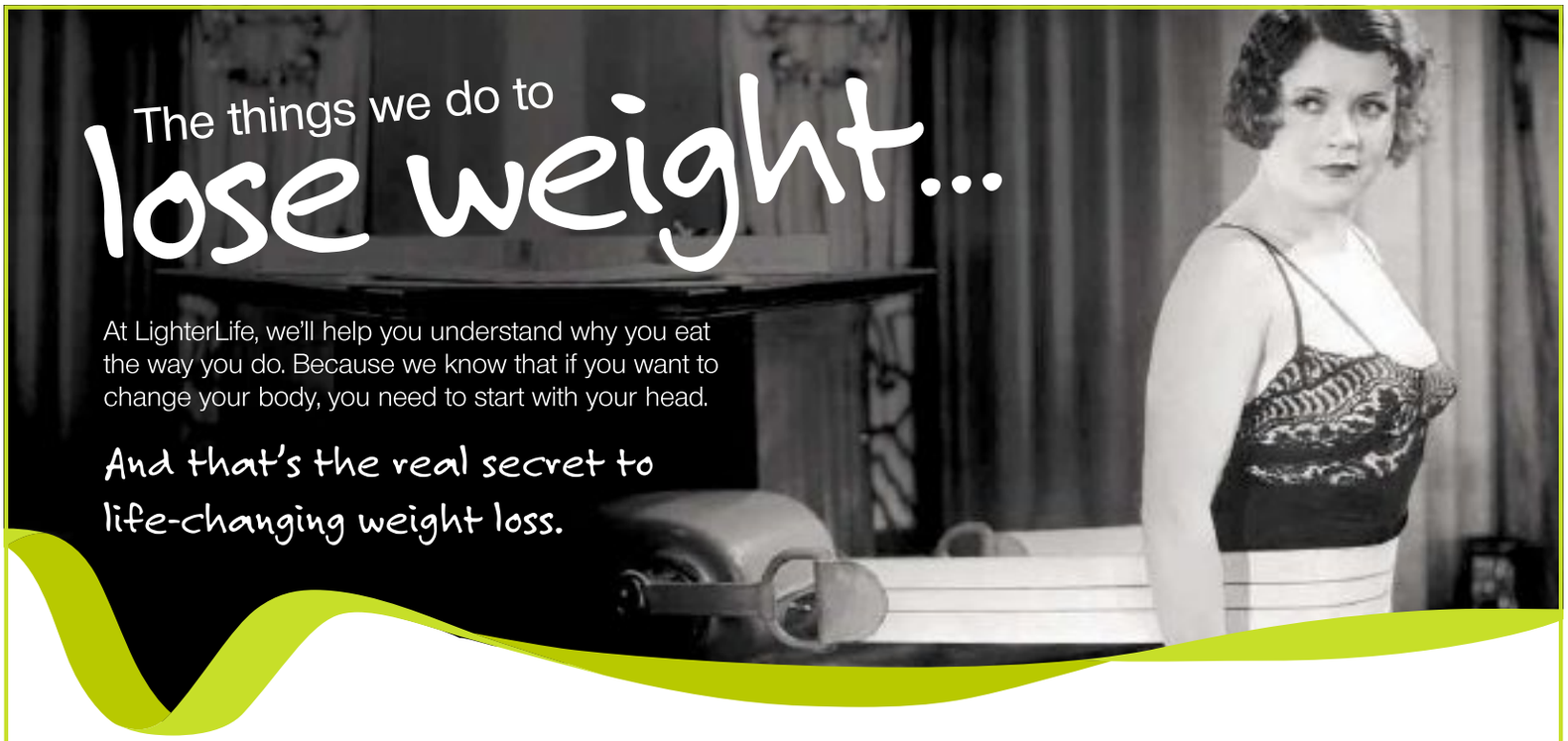

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Charity: Richard Anderson plans to climb Kilimanjaro

A mountain to climb for student Richard

A STUDENT from Milton Keynes will lead an expedition up Mount Kilimanjaro to raise £30,000 for charity.

Richard Anderson, 23, who attended Denbigh School, says money raised by the 19-strong group in August's climb will provide sustainable water wells in parts of Africa.

"I am so excited," said Richard. "We're hoping to raise £30,000 overall. That will really change something."

Web guitar seller slashed by gang

BY DAN PALMER
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A GANG of five forced their way into the house of a man who had advertised guitars for sale online – before stabbing him and stealing the instruments.

The 33-year-old victim opened the door of his home in Newport Pagnell to people who he thought were responding to a post he'd made about the guitars on the internet.

However he was stunned to find a balaclava-wearing gang who assaulted him to gain entry, punching and kicking and inflicting a severe slash wound to his back.

Two guitars were stolen and the offenders then fled the scene, but the victim had to be treated at Milton Keynes Hospital for injuries which were described as 'non life-threatening'.

Police described the incident, that happened at about 7.20pm on Wednesday evening on Union Street, as 'unusual'.

Worried residents contacted MK NEWS after news of the attack swept social media sites.

Detective Inspector Nick Glister, of Milton Keynes CID, said: "It was the result of using a website to advertise valuable musical equipment.

"While incidents such as these are rare, we encourage members of the public to be cautious when advertising items for sale from their own homes and about who they let inside."

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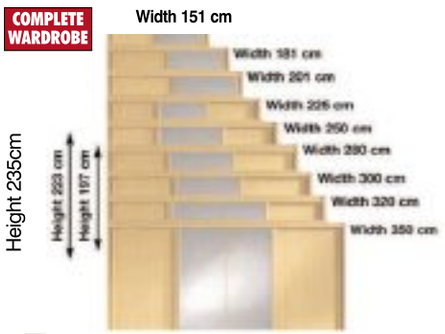

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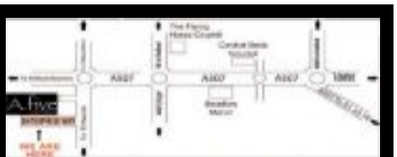

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170 jobs on offer at Gulliver's Land

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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AROUND 170 jobs will be up for grabs at the city's theme park next month.

An open recruitment day is being held at Gulliver's Land, in Newlands, on Saturday March 9 where people will be able to sign up for roles at the family attraction.

The company says it hopes its recruitment drive will appeal to unemployed people from across the region, including staff from Jessop's and HMV which both went into administration last month leaving dozens of Milton Keynes workers unemployed.

Last week five Jessop's employees posted their photographs in the shop window advertising their services to potential employers after the high street camera retailer closed down all of its 187 UK stores.

Gulliver's managing director Julie Dalton said: "We're offering Milton Keynes job hunters the chance to apply for well-paid positions with lots of opportunities to progress in the industry.

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"The main goal for us is to find people with the drive and enthusiasm to fit in well with the Gulliver's team."

A number of the family-owned company's management team started out as teenagers in ride operator roles.

Jobs available include ride operators, maintenance workers, catering staff, gardeners and cleaners.

The recruitment day will be held on Saturday March 9 from 10am at the Milton Keynes theme park site. Anyone is welcome to turn up on the day and apply for a role.

For more information, visit www.gulliversfun.co.uk or call 01925 444888.

The city's MPs also organised a jobs fair for young people in Milton Keynes on Thursday. For more story, see pages 20 and 21.

Gulliver's: The theme park is holding a jobs open day next month

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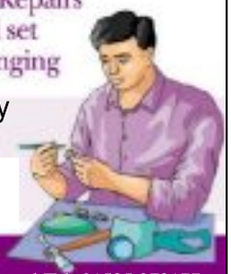

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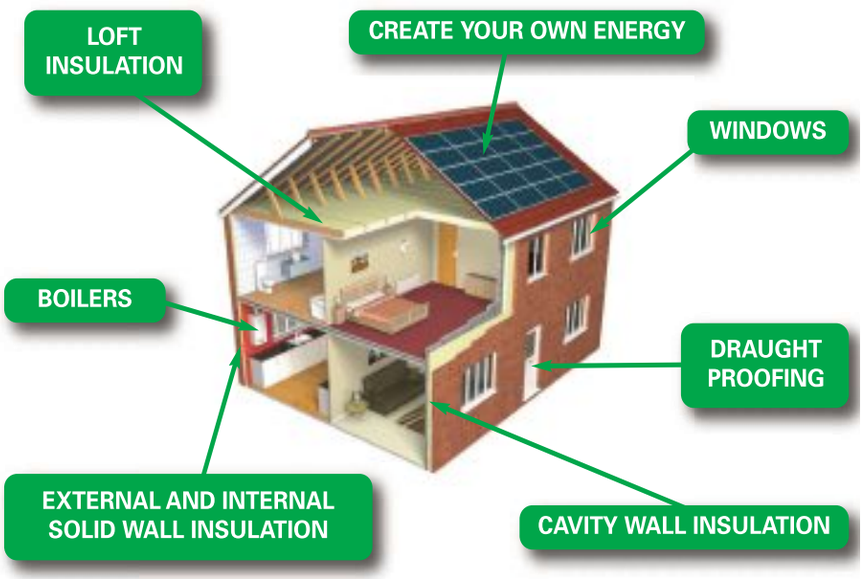

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Professor is top of Queen's class

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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A PROFESSOR at The Open University is to receive a prestigious award from the Queen – one of only three people in a century to achieve the honour.

Professor Eileen Scanlon of the university's Institute of Educational Technology (IET) has been awarded the first Regius Professorship in Open Education.

This award, which marks the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, is significant as prior to the recent announcement only two others have been awarded a Regius Professorship in the last century.

Before then, the most recent Regius Professorship was created by Queen Victoria.

IET is one of 12 university departments to be bestowed with the award. All entries were assessed by an expert panel which included eminent academics led by Sir Graeme Davies, former vice-chancellor of the University of London.

Professor Scanlon said: "I am delighted that the OU has been given this significant award and that the Institute of Educational Technology has been recognised as an outstanding department.

Recognition: Prof Eileen Scanlon will receive a Regius Professorship

"My late parents were both Open University graduates and my mother celebrated her graduation in the first ceremony held at Alexandra Palace in 1973. They would have been thrilled their university was honoured in this way."

Professor Scanlon's nomination was supported by the OU's vice-chancellor Martin Bean, Professor Tim Blackman, the OU's pro-vice-chancellor of research and scholarship, and Professor Josie Taylor, director of IET at the OU.

Professor Blackman said: "It is fantastic that Professor Scanlon's achievements have been recognised by such a prestigious award.

"Her commitment has driven up standards of open education across the world through intelligent use of technology for which the OU has a global reputation."

Professor Scanlon is internationally-recognised in the field of educational technology.

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Late-night revellers warned over fire risk

BY JAMES AVERILL
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FIREFIGHTERS are urging people who arrive home from a boozy night out not to cook, as they could start a fire.

As part of a national campaign, Bucks Fire Service is calling on revellers to remain safe in the kitchen.

More than half of all accidental house fires in the country are caused by problems with microwaves, ovens, and grills.

And figures showed that 107 of 158 house fires in the city last year originated in the kitchen.

This was a much higher proportion of accidental house fires than the nationwide average of 55 per cent.

The campaign has been launched in partnership with Fire Kills, a government initiative aimed at promoting fire safety.

A Bucks Fire Service spokesman said: "A kitchen fire at the very least can cause damage to a house, but at its worst it can kill people.

"Losing attention can be easy, it could be a phone call, a doorbell, or getting distracted by other people in the house.

"But one of the key messages we would like to get across is this situation where people get back home from a night out, want something to eat and end up cooking and having accidents.

"Have a takeaway or a sandwich instead, because cooking can be dangerous while drunk.

"We've had incidents where people have been lying on the sofa while their pizza is cooking in the next room, they've fallen asleep and there has been a fire."

Burnt out: Campaign warns of fire dangers in kitchens after boozing

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Popcorn: World Vision volunteers launched the IF campaign

Popcorn launch for IF anti-hunger drive

A CITY charity has launched a campaign to help try and eradicate world hunger – by getting us all to share.

World Vision, based in Fox Milne, is one of 100 charities aiming to fight hunger with their IF Campaign, which will lobby and petition world leaders with the aim of keeping the poorest countries fed.

On Friday at Xscape volunteers ran a 'popcorn experiment', which got visitors thinking about sharing their food.

For more see www.worldvision.org.uk.

Operation saves leg of woman, 96

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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AN ELDERLY woman who almost lost her leg last weekend was saved by emergency surgery at Milton Keynes Hospital in the early hours of the morning.

Heather Sedgwick, 96, from Newport Pagnell had an accident with her walking frame on Saturday, January 26, and the pain and swelling increased as the day went on. Her live-in carers called an ambulance shortly before midnight.

When she arrived at the hospital her leg was completely white and she had no feeling – there was no circulation at all.

Orthopaedic consultant Martin Wetherill carried out emergency surgery around 3am on Sunday and was able to save her leg.

Mrs Sedgwick's son Paul said: "She's been having problems with her leg and her circulation for a long time. The swelling from the accident must have just closed things down.

"She was taken to theatre about 3am, and got the specialist attention she needed. It's good the leg will survive. Without her leg she wouldn't have been able to manage at home.

"It is also good to see the commitment that's been shown. Although she is 96, no-one has written her off. Her condition is well controlled with drugs and the specialist back-up here at the hospital is working. She can enjoy time with the children and grandchildren. She's a survivor."

Mrs Sedgwick herself was grateful for the care she received and is happy about her progress.

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Young people look for

BY JAMES AVERILL
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YOUNG people across the city may be finding it tough to get a job, but they are being urged not to give up hope.

And the message was delivered by a variety of different people and companies at a jobs fair at The Buszy last Thursday.

Young people heard from local businesses, MPs, and even a local businesswoman who starred on BBC's The Apprentice.

Iain Stewart talks to stall holders

The fair, organised by the city's Conservative MPs Iain Stewart and Mark Lancaster, brings together local businesses offering work placements, and eager job-seeking youngsters.

"I've been delighted with the turnout," said Iain Stewart.

"We've had a large number of people here and the level of interest has exceeded expectations.

"I think back to my own student days when I wasn't 100 per cent sure what I wanted to do, and I would've loved an event like this."

And it was not just the city's young people who turned up.

Michael Smith, 18, travelled from Northampton specifically for the jobs fair.

He said: "I've been unemployed for about six months, and I'm worried about the job market for the younger generation. There's not a lot going, some companies don't advertise.

"More things like this jobs fair are definitely a good idea, you can get an in depth idea of what there is to do, or find something you didn't expect."

Jake Wheeler, 18, from Milton Keynes, said: "I'm quite worried about how hard it is to get a job.

"I think this job fair is a good idea, I've found quite a few offers."

Despite what some people suggest is a bleak time for starting your working life, there are signs that Milton Keynes is bucking the national trend.

New research shows that the city is the sixth best place in the country to find a job.

And there was further good news after it was shown that a record number of people were starting apprenticeships in 2012.

Between August and October, 650 people started apprenticeships in Milton Keynes, while there was 2,230 in the last financial year, news welcomed by Mark Lancaster MP.

"We will only succeed as a country when everyone is given the chance to reach their full potential. We have dramatically increased the number of apprenticeships on offer across Milton Keynes.

"These record levels of apprenticeships are fantastic news, most of all for the people whose lives are being transformed by the opportunities they offer."

Local companies such as Nifty Lifts were offering eight apprenticeships, while the Milton Keynes branch of Mercedes-Benz was offering three.

Those attending were also given advice by Katie Wright, a woman who grew up in Leighton Buzzard and took part in the latest series of The Apprentice.

She told MK NEWS: "My goal today is to give young people an honest account.

"The road to success has many obstacles.

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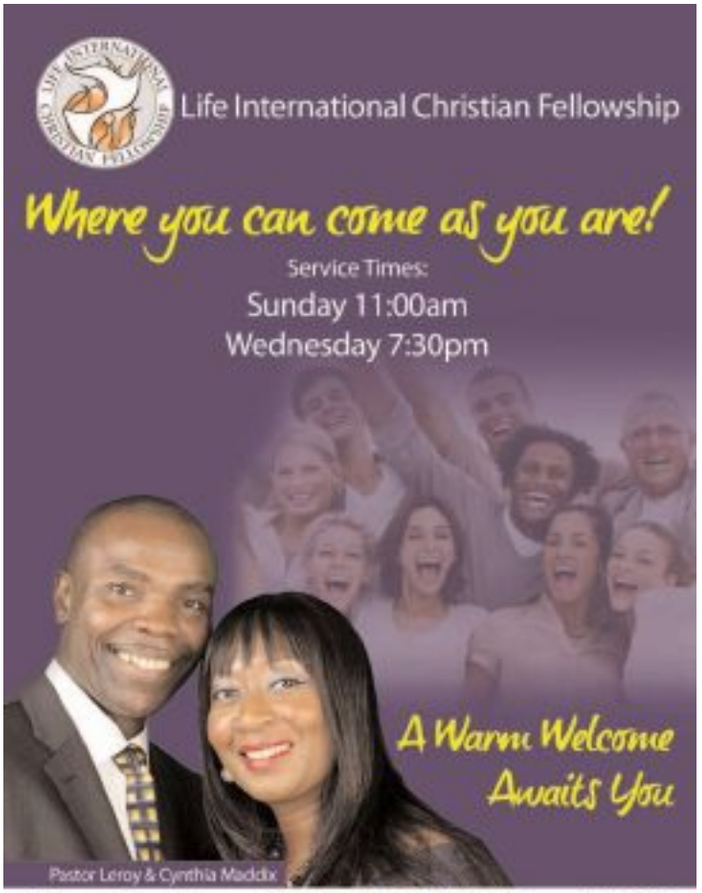
work at MK jobs fair

The city's youngsters flock to The Buszy, where they could search for jobs and apprenticeship opportunities

Lancaster in conversation

MPs look on as TV's The Apprentice star Katie Wright opens the event



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Rugby fan with curved spine will ruck again

Back on track: Rugby fan Marcus Pond says the non-surgical treatments will help him to once again play the game he loves

BY DAN PALMER
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A CITY rugby fanatic with a twisted spine who feared that he may never have full flexibility again says he has found the treatment to get his life back on track.

Marcus Pond, aged 20, had been fit and active throughout his life until he began to notice his shoulder blades protruding through his skin on one side.

He was diagnosed with scoliosis – a condition which affects more than four percent of the population and causes the spine to excessively curve sideways. Marcus was told that he faced a 12 hour operation to fuse his backbone solid.

This would have seen metal rods inserted either side of his spine, shattering his dreams of continuing to play rugby. But he instead got in touch with the Scoliosis SOS clinic in London.

He started a programme of non-surgical treatments known as the ScolioGold method, which included a series of muscle strengthening exercises, and he says that the experience has changed his life.

"When you are told that there is something medically wrong with you it is very difficult to not worry and feel very lonely," said Marcus, who lives in Oldbrook and is now looking to join a local rugby club.

"I knew I didn't want the surgery and was terrified of losing my flexibility at such a young age.

"I was also really scared that the pain would get worse and that I would be left with no option but to have my spine fused. I felt so vulnerable and started to suffer from insomnia."

Marcus added that the course was simple and not difficult.

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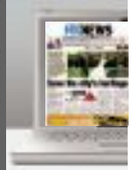

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Bond-style launch for city hotel after £1.5m refurb

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MILTON Keynes now boasts one of the country's 'premier' hotels, according to the man who decided to invest his money in the city.

The Mercure Abbey Hill Hotel officially launched this month with a James Bond-themed evening, following a £1.5million refurbishment.

Nazim Manji is chairman of the Clubhouse Group, which owns and operates the new property under the Mercure brand.

Mercure has more than 700 hotels in 51 countries, and the Abbey Hill is the latest in its ever-growing chain.

"I've been following the progress of Milton Keynes for a long time," says Mr Manji. "I've always been very interested in it. Today it is the fastest growing city in the UK. We identified that Milton Keynes was an excellent place to invest in, and once I had the opportunity I went for it."

The refurbished hotel now has 88 rooms and five state-of-the-art conference rooms.

It is a long way from the Abbey Hill Hotel that stood there before, and the makeover costing £1.5m certainly seems to have rejuvenated it.

The name's Bond... or is it? This Daniel Craig look-a-like was the centre of attention at the launch of the Mercure Abbey Hill Hotel on Thursday, January 24. The hotel held a James Bond-themed evening, complete with casino tables and vodka martinis, shaken not stirred. And as this picture shows, Bond still has no problems when it comes to getting attention

"The new facilities will better serve our business market while also appealing to those that visit the region's attractions at weekends," added Mr Manji.

The hotel's general manager, Jon Kett-Reynolds, worked at the Abbey Hill before its rebranding, and said: "I have worked at this hotel previously, so I have an intricate knowledge and appreciation of just how incredible the transformation has been. We now have a hotel that we can truly be proud to work in."

Milton Keynes mayor, Councillor Catriona Morris, said: "I'm very impressed. The conference facilities are excellent. We never seem to have enough beds in Milton Keynes because everybody is coming here."

Property firm buys Cairngorm warehouses

A PROPERTY company has announced its first acquisition will include space at the Cairngorm Retail Park in Winterhill.

LondonMetric Property Plc was formed through a recent merger of London & Stamford Property, and Metric Property Investments.

And the company has invested £92.4million with the purchase of a portfolio of six retail warehouse assets, including Cairngorm.

LondonMetric says that the parks are well let, with 98 per cent occupancy and a weighted average unexpired lease term of over nine years.

Sixty per cent of the income will come from B&Q, Dixons, Next, DFS, Halfords, Wickes and Pets at Home.

The portfolio comprises six properties, all of which are within 100-miles of London, and is being acquired from clients of Aviva Investors.

Andrew Jones, chief executive of LondonMetric, said: "This acquisition typifies the opportunities that we are seeking to acquire as it offers secure, well let income with additional asset management opportunities and the ability to add value all in an area of the market where we have particular expertise.

"The attractive income yield, combined with our existing debt facilities, will deliver initial cash-on-cash returns of over 12 per cent and will continue to grow as the fixed rental uplifts fall due."

Go Travel wins council contract

GO TRAVEL Solutions has won a contract from Milton Keynes Council to conduct a feasibility study on sustainable transport.

The three-month study will explore different alternatives in setting up a sustainable transport model that could be adopted across the city.

They will evaluate what initiatives could be included such as travel discounts, workshop programmes and shared travel projects.

The company will also look to establish funding streams, both public and private, to ensure viability beyond the short-term, and will establish support from employers and business intermediaries.

There are currently sustainable travel networks operating in Leicester and Stevenage, employing thousands of people.

Cliff Jones, senior consultant at Go Travel Solutions, said: "We have proven ability in delivering business travel networks across the UK, with existing knowledge of Milton Keynes through our work with Arriva.

"The feasibility study with Milton Keynes Council will enable us to apply this experience and expertise. It will help the authority focus on enhancing connectivity and reducing carbon, and provide the foundations for employers to gain from reduced travel costs and enhanced business benefits through creating a new business travel network."

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Cautious optimism as the world tries to pull itself out of recession

THE good run in equities that characterised the last few months of 2012 has continued into this year.

The FTSE All Share Index has risen by 7.4 per cent in January so far and is now at its highest level since the emergence of the banking crisis in 2008. We believe that there are several factors behind this strong performance.

Last year, almost wherever one looked there were reasons for doom and gloom – America was mired by low growth and there were fears that even China might be approaching recession. Closer to home, Europe has been teetering on the brink of economic catastrophe for the best part of two years and the UK seems to be in either a double dip or even a triple dip recession. Governments everywhere have been running huge deficits.

However, investors are betting that the worst may be behind us. In America, they have noted that the Federal Reserve took aggressive action with their banks, and although it hurt at the time, the survivors have emerged with strong balance sheets and a far greater ability to lend to decent businesses.

Perhaps as a consequence the American housing market has been improving and unemployment has been falling.

China avoided recession and we now expect economic growth of around seven-eight per cent per annum. Not as rapid as in the past, but not bad either!

The turning point in Europe occurred in the middle of last year when the head of the European Central Bank declared that he would stand behind the Euro and its institutions.

The ECB started buying government bonds in huge amounts, in effect throwing billions of Euros at the problem.

It has had the required result and slowly confidence is returning to Euroland. It is fragile, but holding for now.

Within the UK, notwithstanding the well-publicised failures of Jessops, Blockbuster and HMV, consumer spending over Christmas held up with many retailers and customer-facing businesses, particularly those with a presence on the internet, trading strongly.

We are just about to go into the company reporting season and we generally expect companies to meet expectations.

There is another factor supporting stocks and shares. The big investors such as the pension funds have been busy over the last decade or so putting their vast resources into bonds. This strategy has worked well for them. However bonds, having performed extremely well for a number of years, are now looking very expensive. We are expecting these funds to begin to switch some of their bonds into shares. There is some evidence that this is happening.

Whilst mindful that markets seldom move in a straight line and no doubt something will come along to drag down share prices in the short term, we nevertheless expect shares to end the year in positive territory.

MarKetNEWS

	Dec 31	Jan 29	Change
A.G. Barr	495.3	542	9.4%
BP	431.25	475.65	10.3%
BT	231.1	246.2	6.5%
Coca Cola	$36.2	$37.4	3.3%
Domino's	497.4	508.5	2.2%
Glanbia	Euro8.25	8.26	0.1%
Home Retail	126.7	126.5	-0.2%
Persimmon	800	855.5	6.9%
Rexam	436	472.5	8.4%
Santander	490.25	555.75	13.4%
Shanks	87.25	93.25	6.9%
Tesco	336	359.25	6.9%
Walker Grnbk	71	81.5	14.8%

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Investors should be aware that past performance is not necessarily a guide to the future and that the price of shares, and the income derived from them, may fall as well as rise and the amount realised may be less than the original sum invested.

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Engineering a solution: Kevin Tomlinson and Gary Bulley from Bullwell Trailer Solutions who want to recruit more mobile engineers for the business

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A RECRUITMENT drive for mobile engineers has been launched in the city.

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Legal advice

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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A CITY law firm has been advising on a new website that helps people come to terms with breaking up with a long-term partner.

Osborne Morris and Morgan, which has offices in Bletchley as well as Leighton Buzzard, has informed the legal section of new website www.getoveryourex.co.uk which provides advice on all aspects of a split including property, finance and health as well as the legalities of divorce.

Sheena Munraknah, head of the matrimonial department at Osborne Morris and Morgan, is the author of the articles.

She said: "When couples split up it is a very traumatic time and people want answers to important questions as quickly as possible.

"The internet has become the first port of call for many people looking for advice.

"We liked the concept of getoveryourex.co.uk and were delighted to be involved.

"I hope our section will help people begin to get to grips with the legal aspects and feel better prepared before making an appointment with a solicitor.

"We have built our reputation on being friendly and approachable.

"It's important that people going through a split up find a solicitor that they can get on with and is sympathetic towards them."

But, Ms Munraknah warned: "It is important to note that the content on the website, while very useful, is purely for information only and is not a substitute for seeking your own legal advice as every case is different."

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Trust's name change
A LEISURE management company has launched a name change with a scheme to get people fit and active. Hertsmere Leisure Trust, which manages Bletchley Leisure Centre amongst others, is changing to Milton Keynes Leisure, and has launched a new points scheme called Motivate4 to reward regular customers.

£2.5m investment
SOFTWARE company Celaton, in Linford Wood, has won a £2.5million investment from Business Growth Fund plc.

Awards finalist
THE director of a city company has been nominated for a national kitchen and bathrooms award. Amol Karnik of Kitchen Matters, based in Oldbrook, is a finalist in the prestigious kbbreview Awards, which will take place on Park Lane, London, on March 25.

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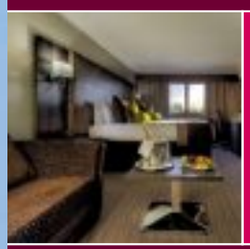

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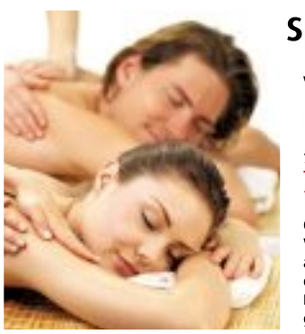

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Must-see theatre for all the family coming to MK

GOODNIGHT Mr Tom, David Wood's stage adaptation of the award-winning children's book by Michelle Magorian, arrives at Milton Keynes Theatre next week, fresh from a hugely successful run in London's West End.

We asked director Angus Jackson what it is about the show that has established it as such a major hit with both critics and theatre-goers of all ages.

"It's a very powerful idea," says Angus, "a brilliant story that resonates not only with today's grandparents, many of whom were evacuated when they were young or who lived through the war, but also with children who recognise all those timeless feelings and childhood experiences.

"But it can also help their mums and dads understand a little better what their parents went through growing up in wartime.

"On top of that, our production is very theatrical; it's got amazing puppets and lots and lots of music sung throughout by a very big cast.

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A NEW release at the cinema this week is a film about a film director – the legendary Alfred Hitchcock to be precise.

Simply called Hitchcock, it's based on Stephen Rebello's non-fiction book Alfred Hitchcock and the Making of Psycho, which looks into the creation of the famous thriller which featured one of cinema's best known moments, the famous muder-in-the-shower scene.

Anthony Hopkins plays the lead role in Hitchcock and does a sterling job, with the always excellent Dame Helen Mirren cast as Hitchcock's wife Alma.

The film focuses on their relationship in particular as Psycho comes together, and there are several twists.

paljoey

MK GALLERY shows some excellent films every Friday night.

The offering this week is Pal Joey, an American musical loosely adapted from the musical play of the same name, starring Rita Hayworth, Frank Sinatra and Kim Novak.

Joey Evans is a second-rate singer, a heel known for his womanising ways (he calls women 'mice'), but he is also charming and funny. When he meets Linda English, a naive chorus girl, he starts to have real feelings.

It's £5 or £3 for concessions. Book on 01908 676900 and receive a free drink.

lizzytribute

SINCE breaking into the mainstream with their interpretation of folk classic Whiskey In The Jar, Thin Lizzy's music has stood the test of time.

It has been 27 years since the mercurial Phil Lynott passed away, and since then a large gap has been difficult to replace.

But fans need not get downhearted, because Limehouse Lizzy are as close as you can get to the real thing.

Frontman and bassist Wayne Ellis, who fortunately bears a strong resemblance to Lynott, leads a supporting cast consisting of guitarists Greg Alcock and Tim Read, and drummer Andy Fox.

Alcock was a guitar technician for real-life Lizzy member Brian Robertson, and his guitar licks in hits such as Dancing in the Moonlight and Jailbreak sound extremely authentic.

The biggest testimony to the band is that they have gained the loyalty of Lizzy fans who travel across the country to see them, and that in itself can be no higher praise.

Limehouse Lizzy appear at The Stables tomorrow, and tickets cost £18.

JULIE Dawes is the events and recreation co-ordinator at The Parks Trust. She explains how her busy role involves organising everything from concerts to firework displays

MY JOB is sometimes hectic but always enjoyable as I encourage people to visit our parks and enjoy more than 200 events every year.

I help to organise a huge variety of events, live concerts, firework displays, running clubs, walks for dogs, festivals, school activities and corporate events. Often I'm planning events months ahead so I have to be very organised.

I rarely have a typical day, but normally I'll be office based for checking my emails, booking acts and entertainers, planning new activities, speaking to suppliers and helping other people organise their own events in the park.

In the summer most of my day is spent setting up events, running events and packing up at the end of the day. It can be quite tiring but also hugely satisfying when people flood into the parks and enjoy a great day out.

The parks offer truly amazing event spaces and nothing compares to basking in the sun, enjoying the views, listening to live music and seeing the parks buzzing with people. Occasionally the weather can be a challenge – but if you're prepared and have a positive approach it doesn't need to make a difference.

We encourage people to hold events in our parks and work with groups to ensure their events are successful and help to bring different communities together. I'd love to hear from anyone wishing to find out more about organising their own events in our parks.

I love the variety of my job and if I could change one thing it would be to have a longer summer season so that we could provide even more events.

minimakers

CHILDREN and families are invited to join artist Thom Rees for 'Mini Makers' at MK Gallery on Saturday.

You can cut, stick and draw with Thom to create your own collage, using photos and images from magazines provided.

Start the journey through the process of collage then move on to finish your piece of artwork by filling in the blanks on the rest of your image, using pen, pencil, paint and a bit of imagination.

It's free between 1-3pm and based on the current exhibition by Swiss artists Eric Hatten and Silvia Bachli.

thirdspace

DEAD Space 3 is released on the Playstation 3, Xbox360 and PC this week and it's fair to say that this is a game which has been eagerly awaited by fans and critics alike.

The first two instalments of the Dead Space series were released to critical acclaim and now the horror shooter is back for more.

Set on a frozen planet known as Tau Volantis, the game follows Isaac Clarke and John Carver who battle against the Necromorphs, an alien race who roam the icy world. Developers have worked to make characters more responsive and they can now roll and take cover to avoid attacks.

There are plenty of shooting games out there and only the best stand out. This one certainly does.

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the stables
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Sat 9 Feb
BARK IN THE PARK
Meet in Campbell Park Pavilion car park, Silbury Boulevard. **Campbell Park 10am £1/dog**

Tue 19 Feb
FOSSIL HUNTING
Join the rangers for a school holiday event dedicated to finding fossils and rocks. **Booking essential**. Park in Stonepit Field car park, Wolverton Road opposite Oakridge Park. **Stonepit Field 10am - 12pm £3/child**

March

Sun 3 Mar
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Send your answer, together with your name, address and daytime telephone number, to competitions@mk-news.co.uk or MK NEWS, 1 Diamond Court, Fox Milne, MK15 0DU.

All entries must be received by noon on Wednesday, February 13. The editor's decision is final.

theatrereview

THERE was magic in the air at Milton Keynes Theatre last week in Sleeping Beauty.

Matthew Bourne and his long-standing designer Lez Brotherston must have a little pouch of stardust tucked away somewhere. I'm not saying that everything they touch turns to gold but I've yet to see one of their collaborations that hasn't made me laugh, moved me to tears and made me come away from the performance feeling more uplifted than when I went in.

The plot had been teased out of several versions of the fairytale. King and Queen ask for help to conceive a child from Dark Fairy then fail to show enough in the way of gratitude when the baby, a little girl, is born.

The show is staged in 2011, and if you ever thought Tchaikovsky's music was dated and stuffy, think again. The Sleeping Beauty score encompasses everything from glorious sweeping waltzes to what sounds like techno-contemporary garage.

The love story between Aurora and the Royal Gamekeeper, Leo, is convincingly played by Hannah Vassallo and Chris Trenfield.

But the whole ethos behind A New Adventures Production is the company spirit. Yes there are principal dancers and some roles are more prominent than others but they are all stars in their own right.

If you're thinking of giving a visit to the ballet a go for the first or 41st time, this is one to make the effort and see.

For Judy Riley's full review, see www.mk-news.co.uk.

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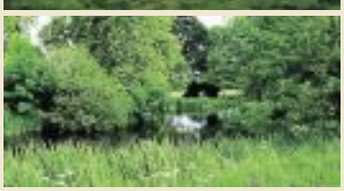

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- Detached Bungalow Farmhouse
- Four Bedrooms
- Three Reception Rooms
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Dressing Room and En-Suite Shower
- Barn, Stables and Lake

£800,000

Linden Cottage is a very well presented and highly versatile six bedroom detached, character property with stunning views over open countryside and half an acre plot.

- Detached Property
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- Countryside Views
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- Village Location

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- Private Gardens
- Re-fitted Kitchen

£475,000

Heelands

In our opinion this immaculately presented three bedroom, detached bungalow needs to be viewed immediately.

- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Family Bathroom
- Dining Room
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Ensuite

£350,000

Medbourne

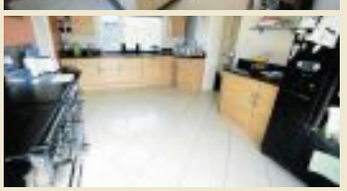
This detached executive residence offers a wealth of living accommodation and also has a large studio above the detached double garage.

- Four Bedroom Detached Property
- Three Reception Rooms
- Cloakroom and Utility
- Master En-suite
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Double Garage

£450,000

Woburn Sands

Located in the popular village of Woburn Sands, this four bedroom detached property offers flexible living space and ample gated parking. Internal viewing is highly recommended.



- Four Bedroom Detached House
- Separate Reception Rooms
- Utility and Cloakroom
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- Double Garage
- Entrance Hall
- Downstairs Cloakroom

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Loughton

Similar Properties Required.
Under offer, a four bedroom, detached self build property located in one of Milton Keynes premier locations. With approximately 1/4 of an acre plot.

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- Master En-Suite
- Gardens & Double Garage

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- Double Garage

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- Rear Garden
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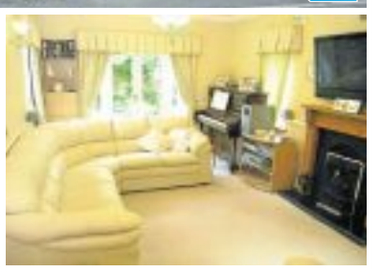

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- No Chain

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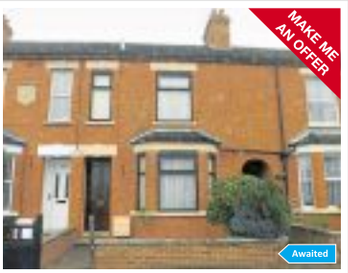
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Garage Parking



Make me an Offer £190,000
- Victorian Terraced House
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Rear Garden

Great Linford £190,000
- Semi-Detached House
- Three Bedrooms
- Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking

Great Linford £190,000
- Link Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Two Bathrooms
- No Chain

Make me an Offer OIEO £180,000
- Detached Victorian Property
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge, Dining Room & Kitchen
- Town Centre Location

Sold Similar Required OIEO
- Ground Floor Apartment
- Two Bedrooms
- Open Plan Lounge/Diner/Kitchen
- Off Road Parking

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Bletchley

- Semi Detached
- Four Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Conservatory
- Lounge
- Family Bathroom
- Potential to Build
- Single Garage

£275,000

Newport Pagnell

- Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Show Home Condition
- Lounge/Diner
- Extended Kitchen
- Master with En-Suite
- Off Road Parking
- Front & Rear Gardens

£325,000

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Kingston £330,000
- Detached Property
- Five Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Dining Room
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- Dressing Area/En-Suite
- Gardens & Double Garage

Kingston £190,000
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Cul-de-Sac Location
- L-Shaped Lounge/Diner
- Master with Built-in Wardrobes

Kingston £170,000
- Three Bedroom Semi Detached
- Kitchen Diner
- Driveway & Garage
- Front & Rear Gardens

Middleton £165,000
- Two Bedrooms
- Ground Floor Apartment
- Double Glazing
- Master En-Suite
- Open Plan
- Allocated Parking

Middleton £159,995
- Top Floor Flat
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner with Balcony
- Fitted Kitchen

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Wolverton £175,000

We have more applicants looking for 3/4 bedroom houses in Wolverton please call 01908 312623 if you can help

Wolverton £185,000
- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Conservatory & Garage
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Wolverton Mill £46,000
- 40% Shared Ownership
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- One Bedroom
- Bathroom

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- Two Bedrooms
- Bay Fronted Lounge
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Off Road Parking

Wolverton £110,000

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Newport Pagnell £480,000
- Four Double Bedrooms
- Two En-Suites
- Integral Double Garage
- Kitchen/Breakfast/Dining Room

Tattenhoe £349,000
- Four Bedroom with Two En-Suites
- Kitchen
- Seperate Dining Room
- Garage

Newton Leys £310,000
- Village Location
- Four Bedrooms
- Living Room
- Kitchen/Dining room

East Milton Keynes £259,950
- Four Bedrooms
- Living/Dining Room
- Walton High School Catchment
- Master with En-Suite

East Milton Keynes £256,500
- Three to Four Bedrooms
- Living/Dining
- Kitchen
- En-Suite

North Milton Keynes £169,000
- Two Bedrooms
- Living/Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Bathroom

East Milton Keynes £159,950
- Two Bedrooms
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Ensuite

Milton Keynes £230,000
- Three Bedrooms
- En-Suite
- Reception Room
- Two Bathrooms

Newton Leys £235,000
- Village Location
- End Terrace
- Three Bedrooms
- Master Suite

South Milton Keynes £229,995
- New Build Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- En-Suite

Columbus House £285,000
- Three Bedrooms
- Historical Location
- Acres of Communal Gardens
- Set in Private Grounds

East Milton Keynes £225,000
- Three Bedrooms
- Living Room
- Kitchen/Dining Room
- Walton High School Catchment

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Furzton £190,000 (D)

Three bedroom detached property, in the popular area of Furzton. The property in brief comprises: entrance hall, kitchen, dining room, lounge, family bathroom, decorative patio and garage.

Crownhill £165,000 (Awaited)

Two bedroom semi detached property with garage in Crownhill. The property briefly consists: entrance hall, lounge, kitchen/diner, two double bedrooms, bathroom, rear garden, off road parking and garage.

Stantonbury £160,000 (E)

Three bedroom property situated in the popular residential area of Stantonbury. The accommodation in brief comprises entrance hall, lounge, kitchen/diner, first floor landing and bathroom.

Pennyland £160,000 (C)

Three bedroom mid terrace property with conservatory in Pennyland. The property comprises: entrance hall, cloakroom, re-fitted kitchen/diner, lounge, family bathroom, conservatory, rear garden and off road parking.

Milton Keynes £129,950 (D)

Notice Of Offer. Property Address: 852 North Row, Milton Keynes, MK9 3NS We advise that an offer has been made for the above property in the sum of £130,000. Any persons wishing to increase on this offer should notify the agents of their best offer prior to exchange of contracts.

Milton Keynes £109,950 (C)

Wilson Peacock are now in receipt of an offer for the sum of £112,500 for 208G North Row, Milton Keynes, MK9 3LQ. Anyone wishing to place an offer on the property should contact Wilson Peacock on 01908 606951 before exchange of contracts.

Conniburrow £55,000 (Awaited)

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Old Farm Park £35,000 (D)

One bedroom first floor apartment with a balcony situated in the popular area of Old Farm Park. In brief the property comprises entrance hall, re-fitted shower room, lounge/diner with balcony and kitchen.

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Newport Pagnell £200,000

Two bedroom cottage situated in the Portfields primary school and Ousedale secondary catchment area. Comprises sitting room with open fireplace, fitted kitchen, re-fitted bathroom, double glazing and off road parking.

Newport Pagnell £290,000

Five bedroom semi detached property which lies in the catchment area of Portfields primary school and Ousedale secondary. Includes en-suite to master, family bathroom, front and rear gardens.

Newport Pagnell £275,000

Detached four bedroom property set in the catchment area of Ousedale secondary school.The family house includes three reception rooms, bathroom, garden and garage.

Broughton £270,000

Four bedroom detached property with a single garage situated in the popular location of Broughton. The property comprises study, lounge, dining room, master with en-suite and family bathroom.

Moulsoe £550,000

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Newport Pagnell £280,000

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Willen £163,000

Two bedroom house benefits from short walks to local shops, lake and coachway. The house offers two double bedrooms, with a recently refurbished shower room, whilst outside there are front and rear gardens.

Newport Pagnell £124,000

One bedroom freehold house offering off road parking and a good sized rear garden. The accommodation briefly comprises kitchen, lounge/diner, bedroom and bathroom. An internal viewing is highly recommended.

Newton Blossomville £1,000,000

Stone built property with views over countryside includes sitting room with inglenook fireplace and vaulted ceilings, fitted kitchen/diner, family room, study, four bedrooms, two en-suites and a paddock.

Stagsden £499,995

Detached house with four bedrooms set in a good location with countryside views. Comprises sitting room overlooking the rear garden, family room, kitchen/breakfast room, dining room and double garage.

Wollaston £350,000

Detached property with four bedrooms, double garage and views over fields. There is also a cloakroom, sitting room, re-fitted kitchen/diner and a further reception room. There is also two en-suites and a family bathroom.

Denton £279,995

Detached property with cloakroom, sitting and dining room, re-fitted kitchen, utility and a large conservatory. There are four bedrooms, an en-suite and a family bathroom.

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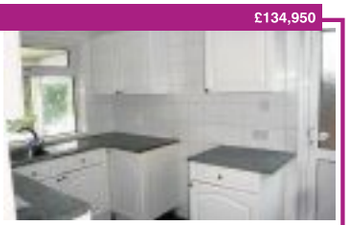
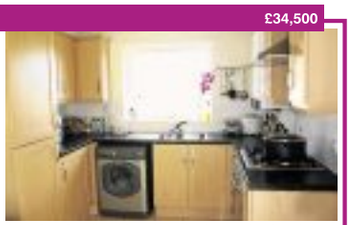


PRICED TO SELL!!! A three bedroom semi detached family home offered for sale with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Some improvement works are required.

DOWNHEAD PARK - PRICED TO SELL £169,995

A THREE BEDROOM semi detached family home located at the end of a cul de sac overlooking a green. The property does require some modernisation.

SHARED OWNERSHIP IN BLETCHLEY £34,500

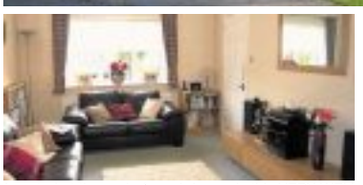


A top floor flat offered for sale under the popular shared ownership scheme. The share available is 30% with a monthly rent payable of £254 (approx.). 100% also available to buy.

CONNIBURROW £89,995

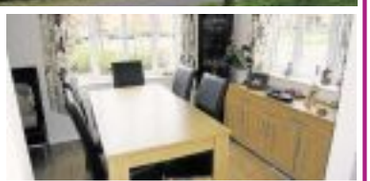
A VACANT mid terrace bungalow for the over 55's set on a small warden assisted development. The property benefits from double glazing and gas radiator heating.

NEWPORT PAGNELL - LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION £239,995



Located at the end of a cul de sac is this VERY WELL PRESENTED detached family home. The property has a cloakroom, two receptions, a kitchen, THREE GOOD SIZE BEDROOMS, refitted bathroom, single garage and parking as well as a GREAT REAR GARDEN.

WELL PRESENTED FAMILY HOME IN MONKSTON - NO UPWARD CHAIN £299,995



A FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED FAMILY home located within easy reach of schools, shops and parkland. The accommodation comprises entrance hall, cloakroom, refitted kitchen, two receptions, master bedroom with en suite, bathroom, double garage and gardens.

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- Fitted Kitchen
- Family Bathroom & Down stairs W.C
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking & Garage
- NO CHAIN!!

£380,000

Prestwood Road

- Large Rear Garden
- Four Reception Rooms
- DW Road Parking
- Spacious Kitchen
- Extended
- Three Bedrooms
- En Suite

£370,000

Milton Keynes
Cedar Close

- Four Bedroom Detached Property
- Entrance Hallway
- Spacious Fitted Kitchen
- Large Lounge
- Separate Dining Room
- Family Bathroom
- En Suite Shower Room
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking

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- Detached
- 4 Bedrooms
- Entrance Hallway
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- Dining Area
- Fitted Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking & Garage
- NO CHAIN!!

£229,995

Hampton Close

- 2 Reception Rooms
- Family Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating

£210,000

Mayfield

- Double glazed
- Three good size
- Utility Room

£198,500

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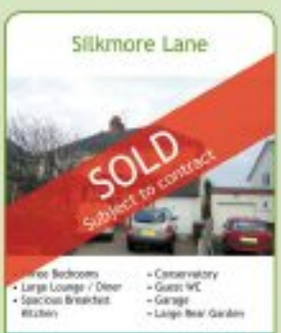

- Large Lounge / Diner
- Conservatory
- Spacious Breakfast Kitchen
- Guest WC
- Garage
- Large Rear Garden

£184,950

Park Drive

- Kitchen/Diner
- Newly Re-Fitted Bathroom
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- Private Rear Garden
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- DW Road Parking

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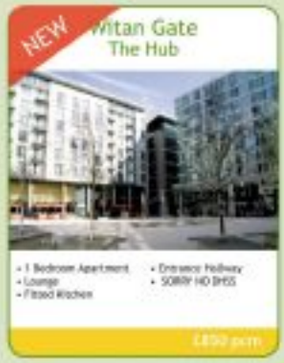

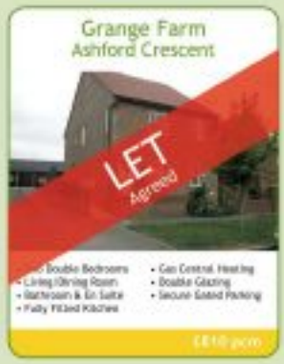

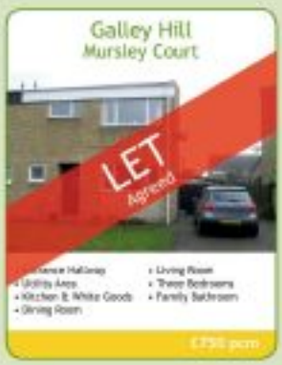

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WOLVERTON £175,000

NEW

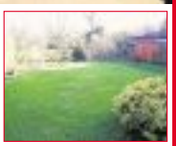
- 3 bedrooms
- Victorian style mid terrace
- Re-fitted upstairs bathroom
- Re-fitted kitchen with appliances
- UPVC double glazed windows
- Utilty/sun room
- Downstairs cloakroom
- Gas to radiator heating
- Energy Rating E

WOLVERTON £175,000

NEW

- 3 bedroomed extended semi detached
- Upstairs shower room
- Downstairs bathroom
- UPVC double glazed windows
- Extended Kitchen/breakfast room
- Utiilty room
- Off road parking
- No upper chain
- Energy Rating D

NASH £250,000



- 3 bedrooms
- Extended semi detached
- Re-fitted kitchen
- Downstairs annexe/Guest room
- Re-fitted bathroom
- Single garage & off road parking
- Village location
- Energy Rating D

WOLVERTON £180,000

- 4 bedrooms
- Mid terrace house
- Open fireplace in lounge
- Re-fitted combination bolier
- UPVC double glazed windows
- Lounge/dining room
- Kitchen/breakfast room
- Energy Rating D

WOLVERTON £157,500

- 2 bedrooms
- Semi detached bungalow
- UPVC double glazed conservatory
- UPVC double glazed windows
- Gas to radiator heating
- Front & rear gardens
- Energy Rating D

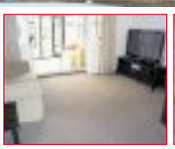
PROPERTY OF THE WEEK

WOLVERTON £165,000

NEW

- 3 double bedrooms
- Three separate reception rooms
- Upstairs bathroom
- Downstairs cloakroom
- Utility room
- Gas to radiator heating
- No upper chain
- Close to local amenities
- Energy Rating E

WOLVERTON £135,000



- 2 bedrooms
- Staggered terrace house
- Conservatory
- UPVC double glazing
- Gas to radiator heating
- Re-fitted bathroom
- Front and rear gardens
- Walking distance to local amenities
- Energy Rating D

WOLVERTON £80,000

- 2 double bedrooms
- Fourth floor flat
- UPVC double glazed windows
- Gas to radiator heating
- Lounge through diner
- Close to local amenities
- No upper chain
- Energy Rating C

WOLVERTON OIEO £150,000

- 3 bedrooms
- Extended terrace house
- Loft room
- UPVC double glazing
- Gas to raditor heating
- Workshop to the rear
- Kitchen/breakfast room
- No upper chain
- Energy Rating D

WOLVERTON £160,000

- 3 bedrooms
- Three reception rooms
- Many original features
- Upstairs bathroom
- Exposed floorboards
- Front & rear gardens
- One & a half width garage
- Vacant Possession
- Energy Rating E

NEW BRADWELL £80,000

- One bedroom
- Ground floor flat
- UPVC double glazing
- Gas to radiator heating
- Lounge/diner
- No upper chain
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Closing date: **Friday 15th February, 2013 by 5pm.**
Interviews: **Tuesday 26th February, 2013.**

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To apply for either role, please submit your application to admin@ymcabedfordshire.org.uk or call Dina Browne on: 01234 264104 or download from our website www.ymcabedfordshire.org.uk

Closing date: **Friday 15th February, 2013 by 5pm.**
Interviews: **Thursday 28th February, 2013.**

Applicants must understand and demonstrate support to the Christian aims and purposes of the YMCA.

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Community Access Worker – Whaddon Way Day Centre

£15,725 - £18,453 **Ref: 50012552**

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For informal enquiries please contact Gail Bell or Steph Last on 01908 271450

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£15,725 - £18,453 **Ref: 50012553**

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For informal enquiries please contact Ben Hyman or Dallas Clack on 01908 258084.

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Required September 2013
Ref: 40/0720

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As Team Leader, your key responsibilities include assessing and evaluating the needs of individual pupils within their school setting and considering the best way forward, making recommendations and providing advice. You will also be responsible for the day-to-day management of the provision, ensuring that children both working within the provision and those receiving outreach have appropriate support in place and full access to a broad and balanced education. You will work directly with the school's Strategic Leadership Team, Headteachers within the Area Partnership, professionals within pupils' base schools, other local provisions and relevant outside agencies.

You will be:

- An experienced teacher who is highly motivated and ready for a challenge
- Keen to make a difference to children's lives
- Able to inspire pupils through your commitment and enthusiasm
- Values led, with a positive approach
- Experienced in leading the work of others within a team

Visits to the school are welcome.

Closing date: 4 March 2013.
Interview date: TBC.

Care Club Manager

£12,631-£13,825 p.a.
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Required for 15 April 2013
Ref: 40/0719

As Care Club Manager you will be responsible for the efficient management of the breakfast and after school care clubs within the school. You will be competent in managing systems for bookings and in taking payments, giving receipts and keeping accurate records. You will be positive and professional in engaging with parents and staff. Most importantly, you will be enthusiastic and imaginative in the provision of activities and events for pupils who attend these essential child care provisions.

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Interview date: w/c 4 March 2013.

For further details and an application form please contact Mrs Fiona Constant at the school address, telephone 01582 706500 x 245, or e-mail fconstant@chantry.primaryluton.co.uk

Someries Junior School
Wigmore Lane, Luton LU2 8AH

Deputy Head Teacher

£44,525-£49,130 p.a. (L8-L12)
Ref: 40/0721

Someries Junior School is seeking to recruit an enthusiastic, creative and highly motivated individual who has a proven track record of outstanding teaching and experience of leadership responsibilities to work with our Head Teacher and our committed staff to continue to raise standards of teaching, learning and achievement to outstanding.

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- Experience of leading school improvement in a key stage/subject successfully
- An ability to work through and with others in order to improve outcomes and provision for all our children.

We can offer you:

- The opportunity to work in an innovative, supportive and happy learning environment
- Notably well-behaved and motivated pupils who are a delight to teach and inspire
- Supportive parents, Governing Body and community who want the best for their children
- A commitment to your own professional development.

Informal visits to the school are warmly welcomed. To arrange this please contact Mrs Dawn Dudley, at the school address, telephone 01582 738810 or email someries.juniors.admin@luton.gov.uk

To apply for this role, visit www.luton.gov.uk/jobs and click on the link to the Teaching and Schools Vacancies.

Closing date: 27 February 2013.
Interview date: 11 and 12 March.2013.

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Schools are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expect all staff to share this commitment.
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The two sites will be significantly remodelled to create a 'state of the art' bespoke vocational curriculum provision.

Application packs and further information can be obtained from Lou Ellis at stlouellis@redborne.beds.sch.uk or phone 01525 404462. For an informal discussion or further information please phone 01525 404462 and ask for the Headteacher's PA.

All offers of employment are "conditional" until Criminal Record Bureau and qualification checks have been successfully completed and satisfactory references have been received. The Academy of Central Bedfordshire is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

Closing date for all applications: 25th February 2013

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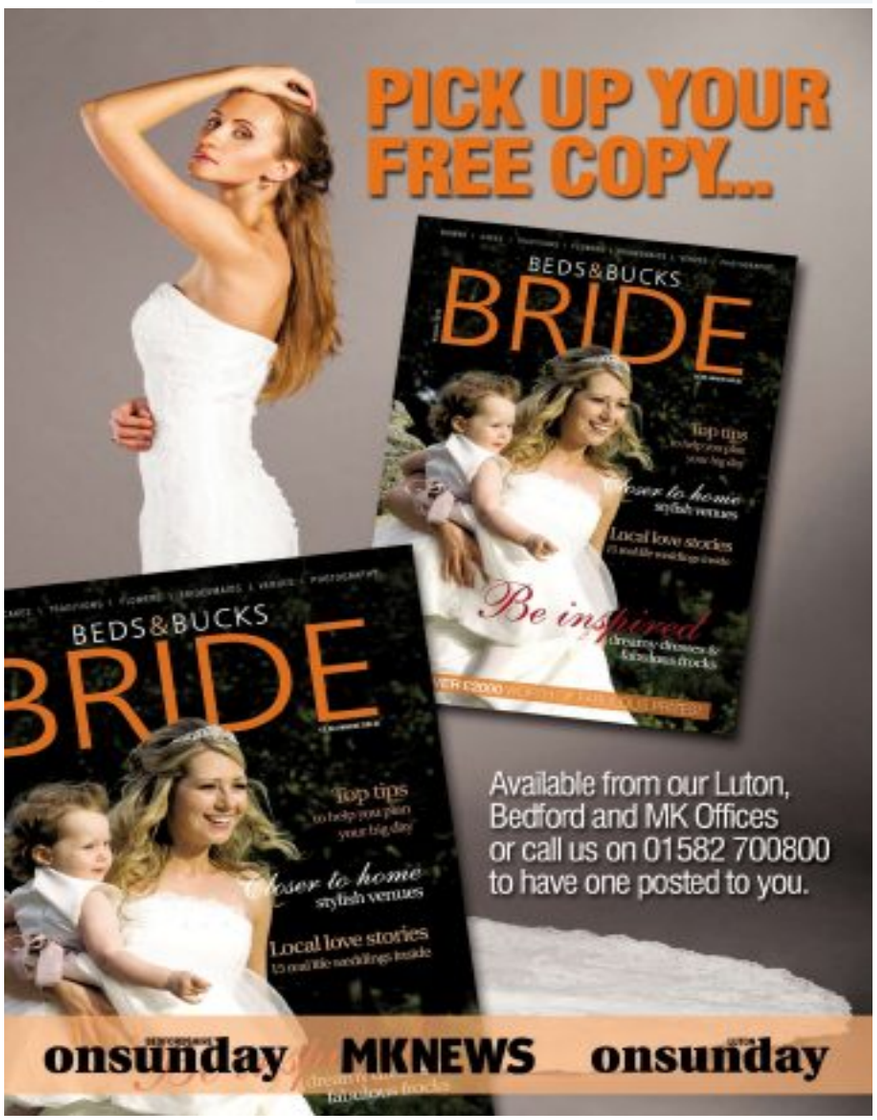

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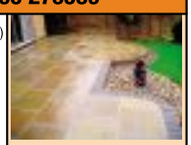
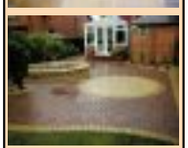
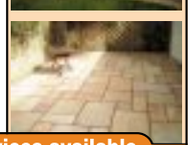

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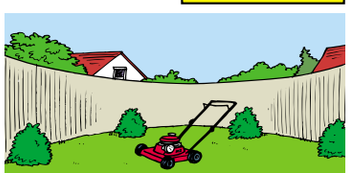

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Licensing Act 2003

Notice of application to VARY a Premises Licence

Name of applicant: Cooperative group Food Limited

Address of Premises: 62 High Street Newport Pagnell MK16 8AQ

The premises currently have the benefit of a Premises Licence number 083341. The purpose of this application is to vary the hours when licensable activities may take place. The Proposed activities are Sunday from 07:00 to 23:00.

Anyone wishing to make a representation to this application may do so by Monday 25 February 2013.

A record of the application made to the Licensing Authority will be kept on a register at the address given below and the register may be inspected during normal office hours.

All representations regarding this application MUST BE IN WRITING and sent to: Licensing Team, Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes, MK9 3HQ or www.milton-keynes.gov.uk

It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application and is subject to a maximum fine or £5000 on summary conviction for the offence.

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Public Notices

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES

(REAR ACCESS ROADS (PARTS), BETWEEN STRATFORD ROAD AND CHURCH STREET AND BETWEEN BUCKINGHAM STREET AND CHURCH STREET, WOLVERTON) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has, on the 6th February 2013, made an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. Its effect will be to temporarily prohibit all access along parts of the following two sections of rear access roads in Wolverton:

1. that section of the rear access road running parallel to and to the rear of Stratford Road and Church Street, Wolverton from its junction with Radcliffe Street for a distance of approximately 80 metres in an easterly direction to a point at the rear of number 8 Stratford Road.

The alternative route for all traffic will be to proceed via Church Street and Radcliffe Street and vice versa.

2. that section of the rear access road running parallel to and to the rear of Buckingham Street and Church Street, Wolverton, from its junction with Cambridge Street for a distance of approximately 70 metres in an easterly direction to a point at the rear of number 91b Church Street.

The alternative route for pedestrians will be to proceed via Cambridge Street and Buckingham Street and vice versa. There is no alternative route available for vehicular traffic.

The Council is satisfied that both these temporary closures are necessary to enable works to be carried out, namely, works to install new water connections to the rear of both number 8 Stratford Road and 91b Church Street, Wolverton. It is anticipated the temporary closures will be from Friday 8th February 2013 until Tuesday 12th February 2013, inclusive. Each alleyway will only be closed for one to two days within this period and only when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs, which will be erected in advance of any road closure.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of this Order, except for emergency service vehicles.

The Order will come into operation on the 8th February 2013 and will continue in force for a maximum period of 18 months or until the said works have been completed, which ever is the sooner. If the works are not completed within the maximum period stated, a further Order may be made with the consent of the Secretary of State.

Any person committing a breach of the Order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director – Law & Governance 6 February 2013

Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES

(VARIOUS ROADS WITHIN MILTON KEYNES)

(TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2013

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in relation to a temporary prohibition of vehicles from entering, waiting or proceeding along parts of 14 roads within Milton Keynes whilst carriageway resurfacing works are carried out, the restrictions for which were brought into effect under the provisions of the above Order which was made by the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes on 21 January 2013 under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as notified on 16 January 2013.

TAKE NOTICE that due to the recent bad weather conditions, several of the proposed closure dates and two of the alternative routes have been revised, and therefore the restrictions will now take place as follows (revised dates and alternative routes are shown in italics):-

A509 Newport Road – Tickford Roundabout to the M1 Roundabout at Junction 14 – ***from 9.30 am on 27 March 2013 to 4.30 pm on 5 April 2013.*** *Whilst the road is closed the alternative route will be via the H5 Portway, the A422 H3 Monks Way and the V10 Brickhill Street, and vice versa. Access to and from the hotels at Moulsoe will be maintained at all times –* ***please note the change to the alternative route;***

H5 Portway – North Overgate Roundabout to Pagoda Roundabout – ***from 9.30 am on 4 February 2013 to 4.30 pm on 8 February 2013.*** *Whilst the road is closed the alternative route will be via the H5 Portway, the V8 Marlborough Street, the H6 Childs Way and the V10 Brickhill Street –* ***please note the change to the alternative route;***

Gregories Drive, Wavendon Gate – from Fyfield Barrow to Stevensfield – ***from 9.30 am to 5.00 pm on 22 February 2013.*** Whilst the road is closed the alternative route will be via Fyfield Barrow, the A4146 V11 Tongwell Street, the H10 Bletcham Way and Gregories Drive, and vice versa;

Mallow Gate, Conniburrow – the whole length – ***from 9.30 am to 5.00 pm on 13 February 2013.*** Whilst the road is closed the alternative route will be via Conniburrow Boulevard, Fennel Drive, the H4 Dansteed Way, the V7 Saxon Street and the A509 H5 Portway, and vice versa;

Whalley Drive, Bletchley – from Whaddon Way to Melrose Avenue – ***from 9.30 am to 5.00 pm on 21 February 2013.*** Whilst the road is closed the alternative route will be via Whaddon Way and Melrose Avenue, and vice versa;

Brooklands Road, Bletchley – from Water Eaton Road to Birchfield Grove – ***from 9.30 am to 5.00 pm on 15 February 2013.*** Whilst the road is closed the alternative route will be via Water Eaton Road, Windsor Street, Osborne Street, Oliver Road, Findlay Way and Brooklands Road, and vice versa;

Clarence Road, Stony Stratford – the whole length – ***from 9.30 am to 5.00 pm on 26 February 2013.*** Whilst the road is closed the alternative route will be via Wolverton Road and London Road;

Weston Road, between Weston Underwood and Ravenstone – ***from 9.30 am to 5.00 pm on 4 March 2013.*** Whilst the road is closed the alternative route will be via the un-named road linking the High Street, Weston Underwood and the B526 Stoke Goldington Road, Common Street and Weston Road, and vice versa;

High Street, Sherington – from Church Road to Hazelmead Farm – ***ffrom 9.30 am to 5.00 pm on 15 March 2013.*** Whilst the road is closed the alternative route will be via Sherington Road, Chicheley Hill and the A509, and vice versa;

Chicheley Road, North Crawley – that part within North Crawley from its junction with Brook End – ***from 9.30 am on 27 February 2013 to 4.30 pm on 1 March 2013.*** Whilst the road is closed the alternative route will be via Brook End, North Crawley Road, Penny Park Road, the A509 Newport Pagnell Bypass, the A422 Newport Road and Chicheley Road, and vice versa;

Newton Road, Emberton – from the A509 Newport Road for a distance of approximately 750 metres in a westerly direction – ***from 9.30 am on 8 March 2013 to 4.30 pm on 13 March 2013.*** Whilst the road is closed the alternative route will be via the A509 Newport Road; Bridge Street, High Street, Dartmouth Road and Wellingborough Road, Olney; Lavendon Road, the B565, the A428 Bedford Road, Bridge Street; Newton Road, Turvey; Clifton Road, Newton Blossomville, and vice versa;

Olney Road, Emberton – from Hulton Drive and High Street – ***from 9.30 am to 5.00 pm on 18 March 2013.*** Whilst the road is closed the alternative route will be via the A509 Newport Road;

Springfield Roundabout, including the approaches from the V8 Marlborough Street and the H6 Childs Way – ***daily closures from 9.00 am overnight until 5.00 am the next day, from 15 March 2013 to 21 March 2013.*** Whilst the road is closed the alternative route will be via the V7 Saxon Street, the A509 H5 Portway and the V10 Brickhill Street, and vice versa;

South Overgate Roundabout, including the approaches from the H6 Childs Way and Overgate, Campbell Park – ***daily closures from 9.00 am overnight until 5.00 am the next day, from 21 March 2013 to 27 March 2013.*** Whilst the road is closed the alternative route will be via the H6 Childs Way, the V8 Marlborough Street, the A509 H5 Portway and the V10 Brickhill Street, and vice versa. For traffic travelling within Campbell Park, the alternative route will be via Avebury Boulevard and Enmore Gate.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the Order, other than for any necessary access for residents as far as is practicably possible, and for emergency services and military vehicles.

Each temporary road closure and its alternative route will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

The temporary restrictions will be in force on the dates shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs, and these will be displayed in each affected road a few days in advance of commencement of the works.

The Order came into operation on 21 January 2013 and will continue in force for a maximum period of 18 months or until the said works have been completed, which ever is the sooner. If the works are not completed within the maximum period stated, a further Order may be made.

All other provisions of the Order remain as previously notified on 16 January 2013.

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director – Law & Governance 6 February 2013

Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972, SECTION 122(1), (2A)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes intends to dispose of a parcel of land which consists of or forms part of open space land situated adjacent to Great Linford Marsh Drive Milton Keynes MK14 5AX.

Objections to the intended disposal must be made in writing and addressed to The Community Asset Transfer Programme Manager, The Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes, Saxon Court, 502 Avebury Boulevard, Milton Keynes MK9 3HS, by no later than 18 February 2013. A plan of the land affected by the intended disposal is available for inspection at the office of the Council's Community Asset Transfer programme at the above address.

For more information about Community Asset Transfer contact Neil Hanley, C.A.T. programme manager, on 01908 253632.

7 February 2013

Milton Keynes Council

Milton Keynes Council's approach to Community Asset Transfer – Next Assets for Transfer

The Council's Community Asset Transfer Programme is about giving the community more control over the facilities that they use – such as leisure and community centres, libraries and open space.

Public meetings for the next tranche of five assets have been arranged at various venues as laid out in the table below. The Council's approach to Community Asset Transfer was adopted on 31 July 2012.

Asset Opening for Application	DATE	TIME	MEETING VENUE
George St Community Centre	19 March 2013	17:45 - 18:45	Coronation Hall, 3 Stoke Road, Bletchley MK2 3AB
Browns Wood Sports Ground	21 March 2013	18:00 - 19:00	Simpson Village Hall, Simpson Road, Simpson MK6 3AD
Toombes Field Sports Ground	22 March 2013	18:00 - 19:00	Stony Stratford Library, 5-7 Church Street, Stony Stratford, MK11 1BD
Shenley Lodge Meeting Place	26 March 2013	18:00 - 19:00	Shenley Lodge MP, 5 Faraday Drive, Shenley Lodge, MK5 7DE
Bradville Hall & Tennis Courts	27 March 2013	19:00 - 20:00	Bradville Hall, Mercers Drive, Bradville, MK13 7AY

In the meantime, if you have any questions or comments, please contact Paul Sanders or Neil Hanley on the details below:

Paul Sanders
Asst. Director, Community Facilities
Tel: 01908 253639
paul.sanders@milton-keynes.gov.uk

Neil Hanley
C.A.T. Programme Manager
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Milton Keynes Council

The following applications may be inspected at the Planning, Economy and Development Department, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes. Representations, if any, to be submitted in writing to the above address within 21 days of the publication of this notice.

SECTION 73 WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA

13/00013/FUL Erection of garage at 30 Wolverton Road, Stony Stratford

13/00073/TPO Tree preservation order consent to undertake tree work and removal at The Mansion, Bletchley Park, Sherwood Drive, Bletchley

SECTION 67 & 73 AFFECTING THE SETTING OF A LISTED BUILDING IN A CONSERVATION AREA

13/00117/FUL Erection of x2 sheds for storage of garden equipment and furniture including replacement of 1x existing shed at Church of St Mary And St Giles, High Street, Stony Stratford

SECTION 67 LISTED BUILDING

13/00014/FUL Change of use from shop (use class A1) to shop/restaurant and cafe (use classes A1/A3) at 27 Eagle Walk, Central Milton Keynes

13/00015/LBC Listed building consent for change of use from shops (use class A1) to shops/restaurants and cafes (use classes A1/A3) at 27 Eagle Walk, Central Milton Keynes

13/00025/LBC Proposed internal alterations, roof repairs, including installation of roof lantern, and restoration of external timber framed windows and doors at Hill Farm House, Mill Road, Haversham

WIDER PUBLICITY

13/00148/MIN Sand and gravel extraction from land off Haversham Road, New Bradwell with restoration to flood plain meadow and open water at Land to the East of Haversham Road, Wolverton

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT (AS AMENDED)

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT

(DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES) ORDER 2010

NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13

MAJOR

13/00005/FUL Hybrid planning application – Full planning application for the erection of 157 x dwellings, an indoor sports facility, new vehicular access from Summerlin Drive, associated car parking and landscaping. Outline planning application for 1.3ha employment land at Nampak Phases 4, 5 & 6 Station Road, Woburn Sands

13/00166/FUL Application to vary condition 1 of reserved matters consent ref. 11/01221/MKPCR for minor material amendment to house type A on Plots 2, 4, 7, 8 and 11 on Phase 10 only at Oxley Park West Phase 10, Childs Way V1 To V2, Milton Keynes

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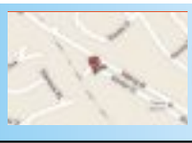

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If everyone's fit no team is superior

DONS would be able to field the best starting 11 in League One if everybody was fit, according to their boss.

Karl Robinson has had to make do without key players for large parts of the season so far – something he believes has been a big factor in the club's slide to 11th in the league.

There is light at the end of the tunnel now though as Luke Chadwick, who suffered knee ligament damage in December, is back in training and fellow midfielder Stephen Gleeson, who broke his foot, is progressing 'quicker' than the club initially thought.

Dan Powell and Gary MacKenzie have also been injury concerns of late and Robinson has rarely been able to call upon a full strength squad.

"With everybody available we're the best in the league, bar none," he said.

"I'd foreseen that the league would be a little bit easier, to an extent, and I also predicted that we'd keep our best players fit. Am I disheartened? Not one bit. Frustrated? One hundred per cent.

"If I can't get our best team out all I can do is put out a team which is motivated. Other than Walsall and the first 20 minutes at Yeovil they always play for the shirt."

As well as injuries, Dons have also missed players through suspensions thanks to six red cards this season, four of which the club disputes.

An appeal against Antony Kay's red for violent conduct against Yeovil last Tuesday was rejected, a decision which resulted in Robinson calling the judging panel 'despicable'.

The defender was sent off for supposedly striking Patrick Madden in the face, but Robinson said video footage proved his face hadn't been touched.

Away game run looms as Dons look for points

OLDHAM Athletic are Dons' opponents on Saturday as Karl Robinson's side begin a run of four League One away games in a row.

The clash with the Latics at Boundary Park is followed by a trip to Doncaster Rovers' Keepmoat Stadium on Tuesday, and MK will then travel to Carlisle and Portsmouth in their next two league outings.

Dons will play at stadiummk during that run, but that game will be the FA Cup fifth round tie with Barnsley on February 16.

It is not an ideal situation for Robinson whose side desperately need points after back to back defeats to Yeovil and AFC Bournemouth has left them five points adrift of the play-offs.

"It's the worst run of games in the country and it's our fault," Robinson, who has seen postponements and his side's cup run disrupt his schedule, said.

Oldham are 20th in League One and parted company with manager Paul Dickov this week, just a week after a famous 3-2 FA Cup win over Liverpool.

Left in a heap: Tommy Elphick after Lowe's rash tackle

Community work for Lowe after red card

DONS striker Ryan Lowe will talk to children in Milton Keynes and tell them not to follow his example after his horror tackle against AFC Bournemouth on Saturday.

Lowe was guilty of an x-rated two footed lunge on Tommy Elphick as the Cherries triumphed 3-0 at stadiummk.

He was immediately sent off after the rash challenge which seemed to be a premeditated act as Lowe and Elphick had clashed moments earlier.

The Bournemouth man was taken off injured but looks to have escaped serious injury, with the south coast club confirming that he would only face two to three weeks out.

"Lowe's got a commitment to the community now to make sure kids in Milton Keynes don't react in that way," Dons boss Karl Robinson said.

"He will help the kids in MK learn a lesson by this lesson he's had to learn. I think it's important we use it as a positive rather than a negative from now on."

Lowe made an apology to the press following his moment of stupidity, which disadvantaged his team against big spending promotion rivals who at the time were already a goal to the good.

He has been fined but a more severe blow to him will be the fact that he will now miss the FA Cup fifth round tie with Barnsley as part of a three game ban.

"I've let everyone down," Lowe said. "The club, the manager, my team mates, my family. I'm just disappointed in myself, it was ten seconds of madness."

On Tuesday, Robinson said that he had phoned Bournemouth boss Eddie Howe – who labelled the tackle as 'disgusting – three times to ask for Elphick's number but had not heard back.

The incident has left a sour taste with both sets of players alleging that unsavoury comments were made by the other team.

"I'm happy Elphick's not out long," Robinson said. "You don't want to see any player out injured and especially when it's due to a disgusting tackle like that.

"Some of our players' legs have nearly been broken. The difference is when we do it, we know we're wrong."

Horror lunge: Lowe is led away

MK Dons assistant boss MICK HARFORD writes exclusively for MK News every week

I THINK that transfer deadline day is a great occasion for the fans.

There are always twists and turns and throughout the day the situation seems to regularly change - some deals go down to the wire.

To be honest, I prefer the old system when players were able to move to another club at any time.

With the transfer window you always have to be on your guard as if someone makes an offer or someone is sold, someone else may suddenly become available.

Myself, the manager and many others stayed until after midnight on Thursday and numerous phone calls were made.

We did bring in Patrick Bamford from Chelsea but it's fair to say that we were not as successful as we would have liked to have been.

However, we were able to make some inroads ahead of the loan window which opens on Friday.

Another plus is that we've not lost any of our players and have kept the squad together ahead of an important run of games for us.

We've obviously had two disappointing results after the brilliant performance at Queens Park Rangers.

The Yeovil game is one I actually don't think should have gone ahead as the pitch was in a dangerous condition.

We went there quite buoyant but then suffered Antony Kay's red which was one we found difficult to understand.

Bournemouth looked like promotion favourites – it always helps when you can bring on a substitute who costs £500k.

Despite the defeats I back us to start climbing the table and return to winning ways very soon.

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SAT OLDHAM (A)
TUES DONCASTER (A)
FEB 16 BARNSLEY (H) FAC5
FEB 23 CARLISLE (A)
FEB 26 PORTSMOUTH (A)
MAR 2 PRESTON (H)
MAR 5 DONCASTER (H)

LEAGUE ONE TABLE

		Home						Away						
	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Tranmere	30	8	4	3	25	12	8	4	3	21	15	19	56
2	Doncaster	29	7	2	5	18	16	10	3	2	25	11	16	56
3	Bournemouth	30	8	6	1	29	13	6	4	5	24	26	14	52
4	Swindon	29	8	4	3	32	8	6	5	3	18	12	30	51
5	Brentford	29	8	4	2	24	15	5	7	3	17	15	11	50
6	Sheff Utd	29	6	6	3	24	17	6	6	2	16	11	12	48
7	Yeovil	29	8	2	5	24	16	7	1	6	24	23	9	48
8	Coventry	31	5	5	5	22	18	8	3	5	29	21	12	47
9	Walsall	31	7	4	5	24	23	5	4	6	19	23	-3	44
10	Notts County	29	5	3	6	18	17	6	7	2	24	14	11	43
11	DONS	28	8	3	4	22	16	4	4	5	17	15	8	43
12	Crewe	29	8	2	4	16	12	4	5	6	20	25	-1	43
13	Leyton Orient	30	7	2	6	16	15	6	2	7	17	21	-3	43
14	Crawley	28	6	4	4	23	20	6	2	6	14	20	-3	42
15	Stevenage	27	3	5	6	17	25	8	2	3	17	12	-3	40
16	Carlisle	29	5	3	7	21	30	5	3	6	15	20	-14	36
17	Preston	29	3	7	6	20	21	5	4	4	18	17	0	35
18	Shrewsbury	31	5	7	3	18	15	2	6	8	15	23	-5	34
19	Colchester	29	5	3	6	18	19	3	2	10	12	27	-16	29
20	Oldham	30	3	3	8	13	18	4	3	9	16	26	-15	27
21	Bury	29	3	5	6	14	19	2	6	7	15	23	-13	26
22	Scunthorpe	29	1	5	7	13	25	5	3	8	16	24	-20	26
23	Portsmouth	29	3	2	11	17	25	2	4	7	15	27	-20	21
24	Hartlepool	29	2	3	9	11	23	2	4	9	14	28	-26	19

*Table does not include Tuesday night's games

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ICE HOCKEY

Devastated: Lightning lose to Phantoms

Play-off form key for Lewis

LEWIS Clifford has admitted that Lightning can't afford to keep slipping up if they are to end the season with a trophy in the cabinet.

The English Premier League title is now a big ask for the city side but the end-of-season play-offs in Coventry are very much a realistic target – if a strong run of form can be found at the back-end of the season.

Lightning were beaten at home by Peterborough Phantoms on Saturday before an away victory over Guildford Flames on Sunday, an outcome which assistant coach Clifford saw as a chance to push on wasted.

"If we'd won last Saturday's game as well as Sunday's, we'd have leapfrogged Slough into fourth position by now so that was a big opportunity missed," he said. "We just can't afford to keep missing those chances with the play-offs getting closer."

Lightning face home and away clashes with Bracknell Bees, who are seventh in the English Premier League table, this weekend as they look to pick up a much needed four point haul.

"Bracknell are a different proposition to last season, they've taken some big scalps this season," Clifford said.

"Just in the last few weeks they've beaten both Basingstoke and Manchester - so we know we'll have to be on our guard.

"There'll be no saying 'it's only Bracknell' as we'll treat them with as much respect as we would a top of the league team - but not too much."

Lightning are currently short-benched as Nick Poole's team have had to do without skipper Adam Carr and Chris Wiggins due to injuries, and several other players have also decided to play on despite suffering from knocks.

Clifford said the players were 'devastated' by the Peterborough defeat and performance.

"Nobody made any excuses, it just wasn't good enough," he said.

"Obviously we couldn't turn back the clock but the guys did the next best thing, which was to go to Guildford and come back with a win - and not just a lucky win, but a very deserved one.

"It was great to see so many of our supporters there, and to send them home happy - and obviously having beaten the Flames two weekends in a row means a lot, too."

The home clash with Bracknell will be played at Planet Ice on Saturday, with the return leg in Berkshire taking place on Sunday.

ICE HOCKEY

Flames burnt but Phantoms spook

One win, one defeat: Michael Farn tries to keep Peterborough out. Picture: Jez Tibbetts.

LIGHTNING had another up and down weekend as they again won one and lost one in the English Premier League.

Nick Poole's side suffered from all too familiar inconsistencies as they took only two points from a possible four for the fifth set of matches in six.

Usually Lightning triumph on home ice only to be beaten away, but this weekend it was the other way around for the city skaters.

Local rivals Peterborough Phantoms triumphed with a 3-2 victory at Planet Ice on Saturday night but Lightning cured their travel sickness 24-hours later with an impressive 2-1 success at high flyers Guildford Flames.

It will inevitably be frustrating for Lightning fans that such a fine win on their travels was not backed up with a home win in what, on paper at least, looked to be a far easier game.

It is the lack of such back-to-back successes which has seen Lightning struggle to keep in touch with the league leaders.

They have always been slightly off the pace and are now fifth in the table, 14 points adrift of top dogs Basingstoke Bison with two matches in hand.

"Peterborough was one of the biggest lows ever," Scottish forward Grant McPherson said after the home defeat to the Phantoms, who are struggling in eighth in the table.

"But against Guildford we showed that we can be the best in the league."

The goals against Peterborough came from Kamil Tvrdek and new signing Janne Jokila, who netted a penalty shot to put Lightning 2-1 ahead after Jordan Cownie had earlier given the Phantoms the lead.

Ondrej Lauko bagged a double to overturn Lightning's lead though which allowed Peterborough to claim the local bragging rights.

Against Guildford it was a different story as an excellent display saw MK pick up their first away win since a 3-1 win at Slough Jets on December 5.

Goals from Leigh Jamieson and Blaz Emersic, either side of a Milos Melicherik strike, sealed a win over the reigning league champions for the first time this season.

"It was a gutsy performance from the lads," Poole said.

BADMINTON

Lim is runner up at the nationals

ALYSSA Lim admitted her inexperience may have cost her after she and mixed doubles partner Marcus Ellis lost out in the final of the English National Championships on Sunday.

Twenty-two-year-old Lim and Ellis fell to a 21-14, 24-22 defeat to Chris Langridge and Heather Olver up in Manchester.

Having taken down London 2012 Olympian Chris Adcock and his new partner Gabby White in the semi-finals, the duo of Lim and Ellis threw away a number of game points in the second set of the final.

But after succumbing to the top seeds Milton Keynes player Lim admitted that it was a case of one step too far for the inexperienced pairing.

"I'm disappointed – obviously when you get to a final, you're there to win, especially with quite a few games points in the second set," she said.

"We would have liked to taken one and taken it to a third and then it was anybody's game.

"It was a tight game, not many rallies and you could see everyone was nervous. I'm gutted.

"There's a case that we let the occasion get to us. Obviously it's my first final – I'm really pleased to get here."

"It's only our third tournament so hopefully we can get stronger as we get more used to each other," she said.

The majority of England's top players used the city's National Badminton Centre for training.

Rajiv Ouseph won the men's singles, Sarah Walker won the women's singles, Gabby White and Lauren Smith beat Olver and Mariana Agathangelou in the women's doubles and Langridge and Peter Mills won the mens' doubles.

Lim also made it to the semi-finals of the womens' doubles with her partner Jessica Fletcher on a strong weekend for her.

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BOXING

MK VICTORS boxing club travelled to Cheshunt for the National Schoolboys' Championships.

Twelve-year-old Hamza Mahmood was crowned as Home Counties champion in the under 42k group B category, after a hard fought victory over Luton's S.Duffy.

Mahmood was left on the back foot after the opening round but he fought back strongly in the second and then pulled out all of the stops in the third, picking up a series of points and not allowing Duffy a single scoring shot.

Fraz Abid was not so lucky in his fight against Cheshunt's J Reilly, which was stopped after a shot to the solarplex with 35 seconds to go in round one.

Elsewhere, Barney Doherty defeated N Duffy from Luton, taking each round with his sharp boxing skills, and Taylor Stichbury out-boxed M. McDonagh from Harrow, also taking all three rounds.

RUGBY UNION

OLNEY defeated bottom club Slough 43-26 in a high scoring affair in the Southern Counties North.

The lead changed several times throughout the contest but Olney were able to pull away and are now fifth in the table.

Rich Cowan scored a pair of tries and Jas Hawkin, Kane Russell, James Padfield, Matt Shotton and George Stanton also went over in the victory.

In the same division promoting chasing Milton Keynes were not in league action but Bletchley suffered a heavy 48-5 defeat at Coney Hill in the South West 1 East.

Phil Harman's try was the only score for Bletchley in Gloucestershire – achieved after he charged down a clearance.

HOCKEY

MILTON Keynes Mens' 1sts slipped to a 4-3 defeat against Old Georgians after a poor opening 15 minutes.

The city side were 3-0 down after a quarter of an hour and despite an improved showing later in the game and goals from Ben Woodford, Jamie Dodd and Brett Holland they could not salvage a result.

There was better luck for the Ladies' 1sts who returned to Woughton on the Green with a 2-1 win over Hampstead and Westminster 3rds with sisters Sophie and Lou Reynolds grabbing a goal each.

For more hockey news visit www.mk-news.co.uk/sport.

ATHLETICS

CITY sprinter Joey Duck competed at the Birmingham Games at the National Indoor Arena weekend.

Competing after a long injury lay-off, Duck was 5th in the 60m final and also qualified for the final of the 200m

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Dons miss star on deadline day

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KARL Robinson believes that he missed out on one of the best players in League One on a frustrating transfer deadline day.

The Dons manager was desperate to add to his injury and suspension hit squad after watching his charges lose further ground in the promotion race but only managed to re-sign Chelsea striker Patrick Bamford on loan for the rest of the season.

He was unable to bring in any further reinforcements despite a team of staff staying at stadiummk until after midnight on Thursday.

Robinson has revealed that he had the opportunity to buy two players but the deals did not go through.

"We had two players in mind we maybe could have bought, good players," he said.

"One was top draw, arguably one was the best player in the league, and he wanted to come. It's unfair to say who as he's at a club."

Charlton duo Bradley Wright-Phillips and Danny Green are understood to be players the club missed out on.

But Robinson refused to point the finger at chairman Pete Winkelman for not backing him more heavily in the transfer market, although he did admit to getting 'frustrated'.

The 32-year-old boss showed his loyalty to the club last month by turning down the advances of Championship suitors Blackpool and he has also masterminded a money spinning run to the fifth round of the FA Cup – leading to calls for Winkelman to loosen his purse strings to aid a promotion push.

Climbing out of League One would do wonders for turnover but the club does not seem willing to break the bank for players when other projects – namely the completion of stadiummk – need the cash instead.

"If you go and spend that money on players and one of them gets injured you could bankrupt the football club," Robinson said.

"What the chairman has done is remarkable and nobody should point fingers at him. I respect where we are at this football club.

"Sometimes people's expectations are that we have millions to spend, but we're in a process at the moment of stability.

"We're probably 18 months away from completion of the stadium properly, with the hotel and everything that goes with it.

"Maybe then, I can understand where we're going. Do I get frustrated? Yeah. Do I understand it? One hundred per cent. I know what I have signed up for.

"As a manager I will constantly push the boundaries of the chairman, but the chairman will stay strong as well.

"Look at what he's building for the future of our kids and families in Milton Keynes. He's leaving a legacy. We will get into the Championship."

The boss said he was pleased that the window had passed without any of his star players leaving the club.

"Stephen Gleeson was injured, he was the one people would look at," he said. "A number of clubs are looking at Shaun Williams, and Gary MacKenzie and Luke Chadwick are possibly ones people would be chasing."

Dons can now call on the loan window to bring in reinforcements, but this is far from ideal as it will mean targeting players who haven't been playing elsewhere and subsequently may be short of fitness.

Talks have also begun with players whose contracts are due to expire in the summer.

Several members of Robinson's squad are due to see their deals expire and there are fears that many could leave at the end of the season if promotion to the Championship isn't achieved.

That seems like a difficult ask at the moment with the club 13 points adrift of their target of automatic promotion, albeit with as many as three games in hand over some of the teams above them.

The 4-2 FA Cup victory over Premier League Queens Park Rangers was only played on January 26 but football moves on quickly and it already seems like a long time ago.

"Before the QPR game we were in the play-offs," Robinson said.

"We've had two bad games and everyone's down, but in the last two years we've raised everybody's expectations.

"Our home league form has not been the best it's needed to be and it's made things a bit more difficult.

"It's about bouncing back now and having a right good go."

New arrival: Chelsea striker Patrick Bamford was the only deadline day signing

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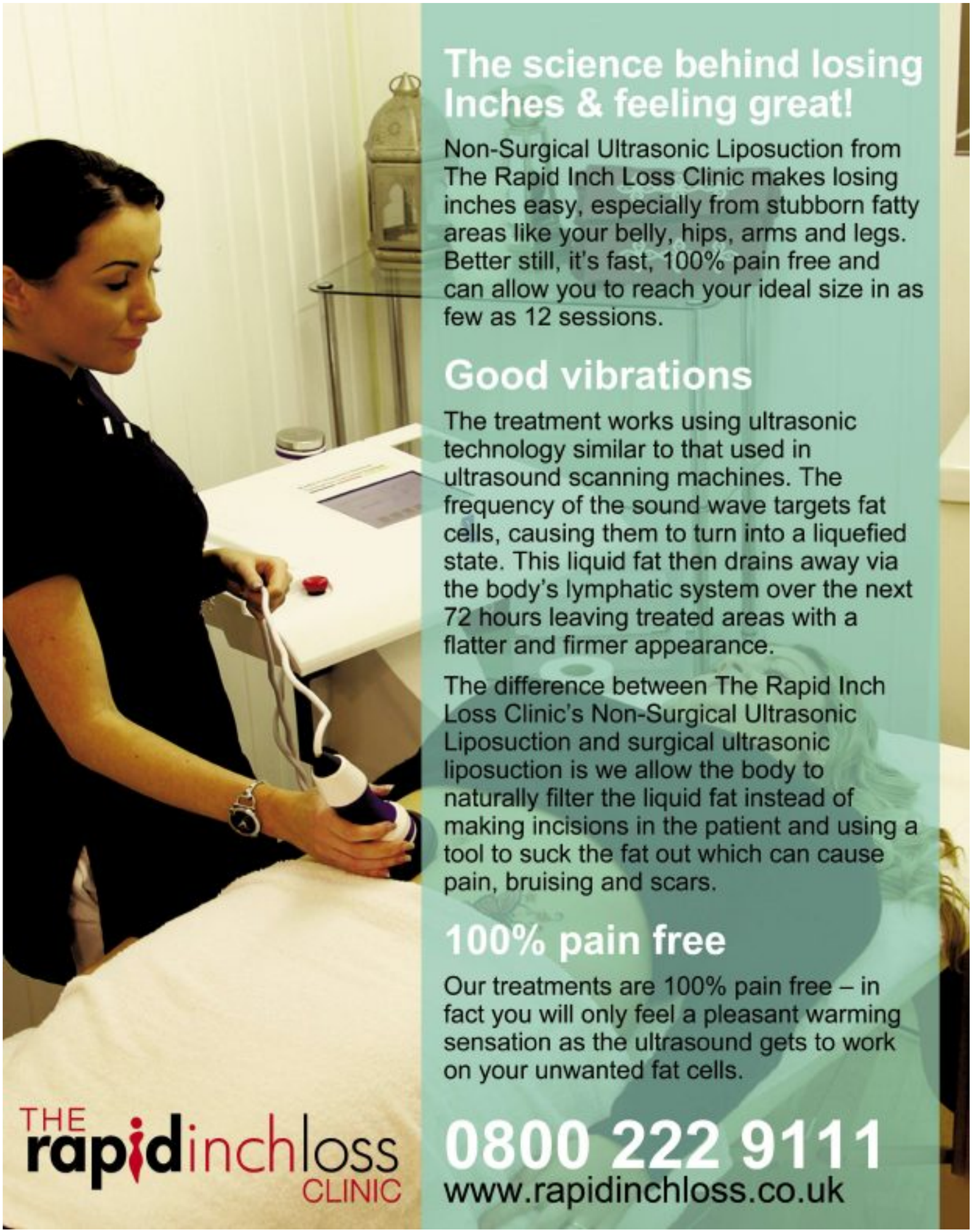

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